
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3B. Auckland Botanic Gardens)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD			
5	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I would prefer this widely used area to be on leash only.
86	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I care about our Botanic Gardens, and obviously support it's upkeep, and the importance of keeping it available to all. However, I strongly believe that the current rules on dog access are both fair, and respected by all dog owners that attend. Sign are clearly posted and advise on where dogs are expected on-leash and can be off-leash. The proposed change to make dogs only be able to be on-leash in all places will make the Botanic Gardens far less visited, populated, or appreciated. It takes away a valuable place in which nature and animals can mix (somewhat) freely. I encourage keeping the policy as it is now.
362	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners should be banned from taking dogs to a wide range of locations
464	I support the proposed change		If people can't follow rules then best to just not allow dogs.
491	I support the proposed change		safety for public
525	I support the proposed change		Clear rules
636	I support the proposed change		For the reasons I have given regarding the previous park.
720	I support the proposed change		Safer for people and dogs
756	I support the proposed change		Makes this fantastic amenity more comfortable for all.
863	I support the proposed change		Creates greater protection for general public.
1198	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1472	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I think the current regulations are more than adequate.
1530	I support the proposed change		Much more clear.
1554	I support the proposed change		I think dogs should be on-leash most of the time. Only off leash in designated areas where they can run free without bothering anyone else.

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1939	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Other than the playground and water areas. Dogs should be allowed with their owners. I go to many restaurants with my large dog and there are never any issues so im not sure why the council thinks there are. Have travelled on the waiheke bus for the last 20years with my dogs and never and issue. Of course noted dangerous breeds should be muzzled.
2100	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are under control and should be allowed
2325	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rule is sufficient.
2378	I support the proposed change		A good balance.
2524	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is a waste of time
2671	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because these rules have more effect on the dogs. I believe people who are upset with dogs in these areas are not dog owners. There's barely enough room for dogs to roam free as it is in Auckland. If people have an issue there should be penalties for the dog owners if dogs are not behaving.
2781	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Banning dogs from so many areas will impact many families abilities to visit the grounds for whānau time.
2784	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	New recommendations are too restrictive.
2915	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We bring our dog here regaulraly and have never seen issues with the dogs in this park. Let resposnible dog owners take their dogs and if someone is not behaving responsibly then deal with that at the time.
2990	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	For reasons already provided
3272	I support the proposed change		I don't think this is a good area for dogs at all, personally -- there are many many areas where I can take my dog but a cultivated garden is just asking for wreck and ruin!
3347	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	More people have dogs since covid, so why would you try to reduce off leash options? You have the opposite policy approach to the one you should have

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4412	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4538	I support the proposed change		I agree with the prohibition of dogs in cultivated areas and agree dogs should be on lead during events.
4600	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rules are good for everyone
4721	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	i dont see why dogs and their families must be prohibited from the area. Council can reinforce on leash areas - It would be useful if Council dog team can actually monitor and do something rather blanket prohibition so council doesnt have to do anything
4804	I support the proposed change		I strongly support keeping the off-leash area available.
4855	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	With the increase in high density housing dogs need space to run around. Limiting this seems counter to the infrastructure needs of the city. With more people being single and not having children dog ownership is on the rise. We need to ensure dogs have places to be free.
4947	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I don't believe we should change any off leash to on leash areas but I think it's fair to have some of the time available to those without dogs to enjoy.
5130	I support the proposed change		Public importance
5245	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	A dog needs to be socialised & experience different environments to learn. By restricting access to these areas for dogs, then it restricts their stimulation and opportunity to learn new skills
5485	I support the proposed change		Most regional parks are too far for my regular dog walking. I would go to the Botanical Gardens more often because I love looking at the plants but the cafe is AWFUL. The food standards are very poor and it's overpriced.
5493	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not support, the new proposal as it is too restrictive on when dogs can be off leach for a park that we have visited many times without issue under the current rules.

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5502	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Do not support as it restricts dogs off lead area. This only forces dogs into a tighter area, which can result in conflict. We have visited many times with no issues. Do not agree with not allowing them near the cafe or food concession as this over-regulation and people like to enjoy a coffee with their dog after a walk,
5507	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	getting smaller for walking the dog around the garden area and with new restrictions not allowing dog on the lake view.
6125	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	My concern is with proposed subsection f. Down the bottom around Lovers Walk dogs aren't doing damage jumping into the creek to have a drink. I don't think they should be forbidden there.
6194	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The botanic gardens is a great place to visit with a dog. Support in the garden and cafe areas to be under control and on lead. The off leash area and waterway area is a great asset for Auckland dog owners. Especially in summer when access on beaches in the city are much more restrictive.
6505	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are the good balance - they allow on leash in the more busy areas and off leash at the bottom, when I walk there it is usually only dog owners in the off leash area. We enjoy walking here with our dog and have brought visitors to the gardens since we can enjoy on leash and off leash area. We usually spend at the cafe, as do a lot of other dog owners. If the rules were changed, we would not go here and I'm sure the cafe would notice a down turn in business
6822	I don't know		These rules seem overly prohibitively for on leash dog walking. If a dog is under control in a lot of these areas that should be okay and some of these seem tricky to manage of how you would get around the park. It sounds like you can still access the cafe as a dog owner which is workable. Also a shame to prohibit dogs from the waterways as that has been a fun area to walk a dog and I don't see the negative impact to the public in using waterways for playing with dogs.
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD			
6780	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I disagree with point 2b, (at the discretion of the council), as I believe it should be open to public review (as it is currently). I prefer the alternative option listed above as I believe it is more balanced.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD			
181	I support the proposed change		Reasonable balance between areas suitable for dog exercise and areas where dogs could inhibit safe recreational activities and natural wildlife.

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331	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Ok with reducing the off leash area as proposed on the map , disagree with other changes
985	I support the proposed change		I like how detailed the wording is now. Leaves no chance for error
1954	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are already plenty of places that dogs are not allowed, people that don't like dogs can go there. Think of the dogs quality of life having to be on lead all the time. They need to be exercised off lead (as long as under control) for their mental and physical health. You should be going after people that have unruly dogs that are causing trouble, not responsible dog owners that already abide by the rules, because you will find most people do!
2461	I support the proposed change		Set clear followable rules is very helpful but prohibiting dog access to cafe area completely prevents dog owners from enjoying cafe facilities. Rather a dogs on leash or particular part of the cafe facility being only for those with dogs may be more appropriate
3688	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because your creating a problem where one doesn't already exist
4790	I support the		Good for people who want to enjoy the area
4885	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The gardens is for everyone, and the off leash space is great for the dogs. Can't the non-dog people just stay away and let the dog walkers enjoy some space.
5192	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	make the rules simple and make people safe
5215	I support the proposed change		Clear identification of areas where dogs can be unleashed. Visitor centre, cafe, and children's garden in particular should be safe.
5599	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Very complicated with different areas and events etc
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD			
350	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You are slipping in extra rules that make it harder for dog owners. The rules as they are are fine.
509	I support the proposed change		On a leash with a maximum of 3 dogs is okay. Safely is required and South Auckland residents are not responsible enough otherwise. Consider how you will enforce these laws if they simply ignore it

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630			As previous
681	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	If you're going to have an off leash area then that's what it is. Dogs need to run. Not everyone has a tiny handbag dog that doesn't need much exercise. Dogs continue to be allowed at the area outside the cafe. It's a nice social way to finish off a walk.
711	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current situation seems to work really well
780	I support the proposed change		Unfortunately most dog owners do NOT control their dogs
847	I support the proposed change		the designated on-leash and off-leash areas are sensible
906	I support the proposed change		The off leash area of the botanic gardens is a great facility, but I have seen this neglected in the past where some park users have the dog off leash in other areas (such as cafe etc)
1030	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Allow more areas for ON LEASH dogs. If a person comes to the gardens with a dog it means they are limited to a small area. I don't see any problem with a dog being in other areas while it's on leash.
1052	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is only a small spot that the dogs go into the stream to cool down. 99% of dog owners are responsible and look out for dogs, people and nature. this change seems excessive and unnecessary.
1163	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Would this include the Puhinui stream walk? It seems unfair to just prohibit dogs from this area if it's down to high use, we regularly walk this and often don't see anyone. Our dog is always on a lead and under control. It's hard to Auckland to find walks away from areas deemed dog friendly but there's dogs running unleashed all over the place. Our dog isn't suitable scares of groups of dogs and losing quiet walks like the Puhinui stream just limits us further in where we can go. For a reason such as native birds at risk I can understand but just due to high usage doesn't seem fair.
1194	I support the proposed change		As a dog owner I am appreciative we can still bring our dog on leash here whilst still keeping those non doggie people feeling safe. Having your dog on a lead in public place like this should be a must. Be
1206	I don't know		The only part I question is why a dog can't be walked on lead around the waterway?
1312	I support the proposed change		Many visitors do not have great control of their dogs off leash, the current area is too close to where families and their children stroll.
1319	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Off lead between 7am - 9am all other times on lead

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1401	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I believe dogs should be allowed on leash in all areas of the park and in the outside area of the cafe. The off leash area should stay the same as it is now
1508	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	We need to make parks safe for small children and those who do not like dogs. Dogs do not belong there off leash
1663	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Your proposed rules will only affect responsible dog owners. They are discriminatory and grossly unfair. I strongly oppose the changes.
1673	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The proposed rules are over restrictive and the few instances of incidents they would stop is vastly outweighed by the impact to responsible dog owners.
1685	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I strongly oppose the changes
1686	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I strongly oppose the changes
1726	I don't know		Support yes, but un-leashed dogs even in un-leashed areas like this are just unsafe and still cause hassle, all areas should be leashed.
1766	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is already limited areas for off leash exercise of dogs throughout the Auckland region. The proposed area of reduction is not a busy public area and more suited to controlled, off leash exercise.
1777	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The current displayed policy is a mix of current and proposed above. It is difficult to access the dog allowed areas if they are prohibited from most of the southern end. The area around the Puhinui stream is great for runners and walkers with dogs. Dogs enter the stream to cool down and cause no more harm than a person. They do not cause erosion, that is almost solely caused by flood waters. Dogs should be allowed on leash and under control. Use the responsible dog owner status if required to allow responsible owners to continue access to the places they pay rates for
1922	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	There's way too many cowboys with absolutely zero idea of dog body language that just let there ***** dogs off and don't watch them...dogs get attacked or bullied and it's ridiculous
2212	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Keep off leash area. Remove 2.b

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2227	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I think there is ample space for off leash dogs at the gardens at present. A better use of resource would be to police and manage the use of the parks and ensure that the people in the park are only using the off leash area for their dogs.
2242	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Where have all the issues come from? There are minimal compared to other issues this is the result of more anti dog council numpties punishing ratepayers.
2366	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I support prohibiting dogs in the high use areas. I don't support shrinking the off-leash area for dogs and propose to keep the area north of the rose garden as off-leash area. The botanical gardens are one of the few big garden areas where dogs can be off-leash, restricting that access is unnecessary.
2422	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Being a responsible dog owner with a very social behaved dog, I believe the changes would be a detriment to dog behaviour and ability to socialise and burn energy. These areas are currently manageable and dogs that I have seen exposed to such areas show respect for others. Owners that are not confident in their dog's ability to respond to commands tend to keep them on leash and if they don't this is prime example they shouldn't own a dog, let alone be a responsible dog owner. These people will continue to break rules no matter what, yet those abiding by law/rules are going to be punished...?
2475	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Agree to all inside building proposals. I would walk around cultivated gardens with my small dog on a leash - presume these are the flower gardens.
2727	I don't know		Changing the off leash area in the Botanic Gardens means reducing it by half, which doesn't seem right for me. The way I see it is if you cannot control your dog or if your dog is not well behaved and well trained, then you should have it on lease anyway anywhere, while otherwise there shouldn't be such restrictions that will reduce the area by half.
2739	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is one of the only off leash areas in the south Auckland area. The current off leash area is mostly used by people with their dogs. I come here very often and do not find the off leash area to be of any nuisance to the garden areas it's far away enough that its not an issue. If you cut this area down a lot of big dogs will lose out on their exercise. Its a great place for socializing dogs and taking dogs for essential off leash exercise. Very disappointing to see the council is wanting to take away/minimize this great off leash area.
2918	I support the proposed change		Like that the dog off leash area will now be consistent with signage. Don't agree that dogs will not be allowed in the water at the off leash area.

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3210	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	There have been some terrible dog owners allowing their dogs to just run riot and make it awful for well behaved dogs, also dogs just left to run and getting lost around that area, restricting the time would allow others to be there and enjoy the facility knowing their dog is safe and not going to be terrorized by an off leash out of control dog.
3293	I don't know		I don't think dogs should be off leash around other people and animals unless owners can demonstrate (to council) they actually have the dogs under control, that the dogs actually listen to them.
3376	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Please allow dogs on-lead in the children's area. We LOVE the botanical garden and love that it's a safe space to bring our dog and kids. If dogs aren't allowed in the children's garden though then it creates a conundrum for single parents who are trying to manage kids and the dog - do we let our kids go through the children's garden alone or do we skip it? I actually already thought that dogs weren't allowed in the garden so last time when I was on my own with the kids, I left our dog at home because of that, then I had to make my kids leave their artwork partially done to get back to let the dog out at home. If he could just come along on a lead that would be so nice! I also think that most families that walk through the children's garden would take good care of their dog/kids. As a side note, I'm pretty sure there's already a no dog sign on the visitor centre because we went up to the door, saw it and entered via a side gate instead. I don't have an opinion on the other proposed changes.
3378	I don't know		Again should not be allowed off leash
3713	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Keep the off-leash connection from the Totara Park Carpark to the North of the Botanic Gardens.
3778	I do not support the proposed change		Off leash for well behaved and controlled dogs anywhere in large open green spaces. Also should be allowed sitting outside of cafe.
3906	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because there arent many areas in the south to walk your dog. why take one of the few areas away or reduce it .

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3923	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The Botanic gardens is one of the few open spaces available to dog owners and people travel from outside the area to visit with their dogs. There is enough space to leave the current rules in place. It is unbelievably short sighted to require dogs on leads at all times... a well exercised, well socialised dog is a happy member of society... a frustrated dog is not. Large dogs and active breeds require more than a gentle on lead stroll around the garden.
3945	I support the proposed change		Keeps everyone safe and is a lot clearer
3961	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be welcome if they are on a leash and under control
3974	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Is it possible to write in about the changes to the policy and by laws. I live in Pukekohe and visit Manurewa/Auckland Botanical gardens quite frequently to walk my dog (neutered 3 year old border terrier). I am hoping there will not be any changes as I feel safe walking my dog Bodhi at the gardens (I don't feel safe walking Bodhi around my local neighbourhood in Pukekohe because of occasional roaming dogs. I am forced to carry a walking pole with me - it probably wouldn't protect my dog from an attack but I carry it anyway. I am a retiree, 68 years young.
3985	I do not support the proposed change		Ok with proposed prohibited areas, however I would prefer dogs on leash at all times.
4079	I support the proposed change		Helps protect public safety
4191	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Very restrictive. Dogs already have to be on a leash in the other areas so why change anything.
4428	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy works well with room for dogs to run off leash. By restricting the area you have a recipe for disaster in that the same number of dogs will be squeezed into half the area. I also don't see the reasoning behind this change which you have given in your documentation.
4450	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	These changes will only affect good dog owners. It is not going to change anything for bad owners. Where is all of this hate for dogs coming from. Are you planning on developing in any dog parks
4482	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The rules are currently adequate. Dogs are on leash in most areas. I have never experienced issues in the botanical gardens.
4493	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are part of NZers lives and further restricting the outdoor areas they are allowed will lead to further issues of poor animal husbandry, dogs being left alone for long periods of time, at home or in vehicles.

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4521	I support the proposed change		Those areas highlighted have a high traffic of people interaction where some noise or sounds may set off the dogs. The proposed change will be beneficial to both parties.
4561	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dog owners need to be able to exercise their dogs with adequate off leash running area. I have been using the Auckland Botanic Gardens for many years and the off leash area is used predominantly by dog walkers who exercise their dogs off leash. Dogs are able to socialise and play together and run around and play. By keeping the access rules for dogs and dog owners to use this off leash area as a HIGH USE area it also keeps the area safe for other members of the public e.g. joggers and families safe, instead of being a deserted area, which in the past there have been instances of vulnerable woman being attacked while walking in lonely parts of Totara park, . The access areas need to remain the same as they are now, as there are a lot of people who use this area to exercise their dogs. People also come from out of the area to use the park as it is a very dog friendly and family friendly environment. If the dog area was reduced by half there would be a large concentration of dogs using a small area which would limit the actual area a dog can run around. The proposal to put a time limit would also not be suitable for people who work shift work or rostered hours and this would also bring a large number of dogs to the park in concentrated group which has the potential for problems. The proposal for on lead at all times in my opinion is not feasible. People would probably choose to go elsewhere to exercise their dogs and the park would become deserted and therefore not a safe environment for lonely walkers as in the past when there have been attacks on women in the area.
4705	I support the proposed change		Clear and practical. All looks good except the part about waterways which is pointless.
4716	I support the proposed change		More freedom for well behaved dogs.
4761	I support the proposed change		Hope the off leash area will be fenced so dogs are safe

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4816	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	South Auckland has very few large dog exercise areas, especially compared to the more central Auckland area/parks available. Auckland Council continues to promote intensification efforts, with smaller property land sizes allowed, but continues to not earmark green spaces for communities. South Auckland has very little in this respect. As a Regional Park, it should be accessible to multiple use and large enough so that dogs can spread out. Access to waterways is also paramount - dogs should be able to access, particularly in summer. There is no wildlife, and given this is currently accessed by dogs should continue to do so. As a dog owner, with targeted dog council levies, it is very disappointing to see the lack of facilities being afforded to dog owners . By comparison, far more land is dedicated to bike trails in Totara Park, and this is expanding - far more people own dogs than use bikes, and bike owners don't pay separate levies as dog owners do.
4841	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We are strongly against removing dog access to stream/water areas. Botanic gardens is a great area for the auckland golden retriever group to meet up and enjoy each dogs company by playing in the water. There is 0 reason to remove access for dogs as they cause 0 harm to this area. Break the cycle and stop making everything so PC
4874	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy works well
4911	I support the proposed change		When visiting the Auckland Botanic gardens my dog is always on leash. I feel very uneasy walking around when there are dogs off leash and the owners don't have them under control. I meet friends at the cafe and we sit OUTSIDE with our dogs at the table for a meal. I believe this is a suitable arrangement and am happy if I am able to continuing doing so.
5038	I support the proposed change		More dogs need to be on leash in these public places.
5161	I do not support the proposed change		If a dog is on leash under control It can go anywhere with owner
5377	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't see this area as being a problem at all. There is plenty of space for all users of the park and responsible owners should be able to continue to enjoy the access at the current level.

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5615	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As stated on the previous page, dogs need room to run, have fun, be trained, socialise with other dogs, people, and swim, etc. My dog is my family. Do not reduce the off lead area at all! I want to use the cafeteria and have my dog with me outside the cafeteria while meeting up with family and friends. Happy to have my dog on lead in the garden and cafeteria area. The number of dogs that are menacing or escape their property and owners and roam, that needs to be addressed with those owners. Don't enforce it on all dogs. Educate our young people at early childhood centres, schools, etc, about dogs and how to approach them. Education is key. I often find adults have no idea how to approach a dog and I find when I speak to them that they have never been around dogs growing up or been educated about dogs. Put up large signs at the Botanical Gardens so people know they have wandered into the off lead area, or even a fence or rope or some barrier between the rose garden and off lead so people are physically aware that they are entering the off lead area
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5813	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I feel it works well currently
5864	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	off leash unless the area is fenced is just not safe. Too many people just don't have control of their dogs

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5906	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I visit the Botanical Gardens frequently. Even though the gardens are located in Manurewa, right in South Auckland, where menacing roaming dogs are a real issue - I have only ever seen good dogs and good owners at the botanical gardens. I feel safe there, and I feel my sweet natured dog is safe there. I have never seen off leash dogs in areas except for the off leash dog area, and playing in the streams (which is an absolute joy to the dogs). Irresponsible owners are more interested in having a "cool menacing guard dog" than ensuring they visit the Auckland Botanic gardens to take advantage of the brilliant show magnolias and hydrangeas put on each year. As someone who is frustrated that there are reserves I cannot take my dog as I do not feel safe (i.e. Henrys reserve Patamahoe - always menacing dogs there), I feel safe at the Auckland botanic gardens. Only good dog owners go there. PLEASE address the issue of menacing, no collar, tan, roaming dogs that are making up the majority of our shelters. PLEASE do not punish good dog owners
5923	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because there are only a few places we can go with our dogs. It's a great community building place too. People with dogs chat to each other, as opposed to other people at the Garden who don't talk to anyone. Please don't take this away.
5986	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We love to take my dog to the gardens and we don't take him at the peak times anyway because it is too hot. We like to be able to enjoy all the beauty with our dog under control on a lead without having to worry if we are breaking the rules.
6088	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are already very limited places we can take our dog, and the waterbodies provide enrichment and stimulation, even if they don't get in. Changing prohibited to on-leash would be a better approach.
6153	I support the proposed change		Well considered and changes are necessary and must be adhered to and enforced to ensure compliance.
6200	I support the proposed change		The new version reflects exactly the areas where the dogs are not allowed in practice in the Gardens. I would add that all dog walkers should always clean after their dogs - it is an issue for the gardeners who maintain the Gardens.
6347	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The proposed change complicates the rules. Anytime you complicate something, you'll get less compliance. Idiots will read something in all those words that is not intended. I use this park all the time and have no trouble with the dogs. BTW I support the new food truck operators, a great addition to the park.
6434	I support the proposed change		Respect to the environment and the people who use it. Further specific restriction is required to achieve this.

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6478	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them.
6746	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Reducing the areas for access or off leash is condensing dogs into smaller areas when we have an increasing population. Even friendly big dogs may be intimidating for small dogs so it is better to have a variety of off leash spaces to use.
6776	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You have made the proposed off leash area much smaller which is unfair. Many dog owners use the park. Also, the whole area of the cafe on the terrace should be available to on leash dogs.
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139	I support the proposed change		In lieu of having an enclosed off-leash area a clearly designated area would suffice, although when I was there recently it was hard to identify where that location was - so clearer signage may be required.
239	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We want our dogs to have a whole range of experiences including high use areas like the cafe. This should be included in every dog's socialisation training from a young age. This cafe is one of the few cafés we can dine with our dog outside of home and would be a shame to lose this training opportunity.
251	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Include the water as off lead, the dogs love to swim and cool down
823	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Excessive
950	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The botanical garden is a safe place for dog owners for years .
998	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1041	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have a dog that I always walk on a leash. It's a fantastic place to visit, and I have seen no need for dogs to be prohibited from visiting the cafe. Additionally, the current off-leash area is well-visited, but I think is a large enough area and does not need to be expanded.
1203	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is no problem to anyone just the way it is, there is getting less and less places to take/walk a dog which in the long run is going to cause more problems with dogs being locked up, not exercised and therefore barking and causing more trouble. The current rules are already too much!

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1339	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Seems over the top, I have no issue with dogs being on lead however (e.g. what happens in pack walks!)
1351	I support the proposed change		The gardens are a resource for everyone. By making designated areas for off-leash dogs, while keeping them under leash control elsewhere, makes the park a pleasant place for all.
1412			It is already ridiculously hard to find places to walk dogs ESPECIALLY if you want to allow the dog to be off leash. We claim to be a country that loves animals but there are very few places that you can actually take a dog which is crazy considering almost one third of Aucklanders have dogs. Summer is particularly difficult as it is so hot during the day, and you can't walk the dog unless it is at a beach or river where they can play in the water to cool down. However, the council continues to make this harder and harder particularly in summer. Either provide more beaches that are dog friendly and create more dedicated dog friendly off leash parks and walks that aren't small boring areas, around the whole of Auckland. Or at the very least do not put this proposal in place. You claim that the reason for these changes is to minimize risk in these areas. The reasonable solution would be to create somewhere that people can go instead.
1606	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You are taking away so many places for people to exercise their dog and enjoy at the same time. it's backwards instead of improving its just restricting and becoming unreasonable
1609	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	The gardens are very busy and an asset to the community and international visitors. Small children and the elderly often frequent these areas. Off leash dogs create the biggest risk for safety.
1666	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Dogs should be allowed on lead outside in cafes and eateries, Auckland has to be one of the least dog friendly cities in the world. Having an enforcement of on lead would allow dog reactive dogs access to the park. My dog is dog reactive and I cant walk him anywhere - on the pavements, there are too many off lead, roaming dogs and in the on lead parks, everyone has their dog off lead anyway as there is no policing of this. If all dogs were on lead at a certain time, I could just avoid any issues by walking away, which is just no possible when people are arrogant and do not abide by the rules - I don't care if their dog is friendly, mine is not (to other dogs) but great with people, kids, babies, stock and birds. I would love to be able to take him for a walk safely on lead and just walk in another direction if I see another on lead dog but this is currently not possible.
2155	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy is good enough and there is no evidence of any negative effects of dog access

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2258	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is complicated and will be difficult as an owner to know what's acceptable, and for the gardens staff to enforce.
2293	I support the proposed change		They provide more detail in where dogs are allowed and not allowed.
2341	I support the proposed change		in general I support the change. I don't see a problem with a well behaved on leash dog walking on any of the paths with their owner, including through some of the waterways. I agree that it's reasonable to exclude the from the children's garden. as some people have both children and dogs a small area in the children's garden where an adult can stand with their leashed dog to observe their children exploring the area might be a nice addition. while there are signs the off leash area blends into the on leash area. adding a fence would make it much clearer where the zone ends so those people who don't want to be near dogs have a clear barrier and those with off leash dogs have a clear indication of when to leash again. if someone is moving on the grassed areas rather than the paths they could miss the current signs.
2556	I do not support the proposed change		Dogs are allowed under control on a leash on the park, except in the northwestern area in (2) and the high use areas in (3). I do not agree with this change. Give people a break!
2920	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	On leash in unsecured areas for dogs at all times. Only dedicated areas that are fenced for dogs off the leash given the behaviour of the owners. Dog owners no longer in general take enough responsibility for their animals and that being the case, there needs to be fenced off public areas for off leash animals.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	You are limiting places to walk, despite charging a huge licencing fee, for no logical reason with no information to why these changes are taking place. Public spaces should be for all to use.
3829	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I don't support any of these changes. We often visit the botanic garden to let our dog off leash and then take him for a coffee - with him sitting beside us outside on leash - at the cafe. This park is loved by dog owners and it would be a shame for it to change. The off leash area already isn't that big for large dogs that want to chase a ball so I don't want it to get any smaller. There are also very very few off leash dog areas in Auckland where there is a nearby cafe.
4328	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I decline the proposal because as a dog owner these parks are our bonding place and that would mean we are restricted and limited with our activities to spend with friends and families because of the restrictions

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5419	I support the proposed change		It's fine, it's still a bit wordy and hard to follow.
5511	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is a great place for dogs to socialise with each other and for their humans to participate as a family unit which is what our animals are FAMILY
6317	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Everywhere I travelled last year in Europe and Britain, dogs were included in people's daily activities., They were allowed in parks, shops, cafes, pubs, restaurants and on public transport. I want to see that here.
6534	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I think we should be able to walk our dogs on leash in the gardens at all times and off leash in the designated areas.
6681	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I adore the Auckland Botanical Gardens and the existing rules work well, although will need to clarify that the cafe already permits dogs to be with their customers around the outside of the cafe. I do take my dog there and I meet up with friends and their dogs. We walk around most of the gardens on leash and then give our dogs off leash time in the prescribed area. And then we all go to the cafe and sit on the deck of the cafe with our dogs. Taking our dogs to cafes with outside areas (and also to accommodation that is dog friendly) is a boost to the economy. Restricting dog access to cafe will impact profits and the overall experience. Restricting the current access will mean less dog owners can enjoy these gardens, and we would have to travel in peak hour time to go there with our dog. I do not support restricting dog access, and reducing or eliminating off leash areas. I do support the changing of the rules to reflect the current practice that dogs can accompany their owners as outside customers of the cafe.
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29	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Allow them to the Water hole areas.
214	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current restrictions work well. The botanical gardens are well used by dog walkers. Cutting down the off leash area will concentrate dogs in a much smaller area and be detrimental.
272	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I prefer having the current, larger off leash area
485	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	never witnessed a problem with dogs off leash in that area. dogs need to run free and socialise, impossible for them to play on-leash
518	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have never had an issue with dogs in the park... The only update should be no dogs during events, too many people around then. But normal times no changes
566	I support the proposed change		To limit all the various harms badly behaved dogs cause

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607	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY. (With the exception of the Potters playground, and inside any buildings such as the visitor centre, inside the cafe).
706	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be prohibited fully from this park.
1026	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in Gulf Harbour and we have nowhere to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1108	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The park is well managed with plenty of space for everyone as long as dogs are on leash by the eatery area.
1153	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Drop all rules you already can't and don't enforce
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all regional parks.
1464	I support the proposed change		again, good proposal but we need to ensure these changes are enforced. Enforcement tends to be wishy washy in NZ and as a result people who break the rules know they can and will get away with things.
1634	I support the proposed change		Not everyone is comfortable around dogs in all areas of the Botanic Gardens
2084	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because the two rules in place are easy to understand and work. Keep it simple! stop complicating things
2140	I support the proposed change		This seems sensible. However, I do not agree with banning dogs from the cafe area or food areas. If a dog is under control on leash and not disturbing other patrons then they should be allowed to sit by the owners feet while the owner has a meal or a coffee. If a dog is a disturbance then that specific dog could be banned by the cafe operator. Most dogs are very well behaved on leash in cafe settings.
2268	I support the proposed change		Needs a penalty and potential legal consequence for not following the rules. Punish bad dog owners provide police with the ability to remove offenders.
2521	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	It is better to consider the families having child(ren) and dog(s) at the same time. Although protecting others who are afraid of dogs is a need, disallowing dogs access won't help further. With specific restrictions, allowing dogs to show in the public places by rules is to help those people who are afraid of dogs understand that dogs are not threats.
2598	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Some high energy dogs require off leash exercise.

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2924	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I am happy with the areas where dogs are not allowed. But unhappy with the fact that the on leash areas are becoming more. There are a HUGE number of areas where people can walk there dogs on a leash and very few places where dogs can walk off leash. No reason to change that. I am also not happy with some people that do not pick up after their dogs or don't follow the rules, but making the rules more strict will not change this. Again it will only be people like myself that will continue to follow the rules and the people that are currently not following the rules will continue to do as they please.
3803	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The spaces of where you can take a dog off leash are limited enough, why are we making it harder for dog owners?
3988	I support the proposed change		Clarification is important for everyone to understand
4082	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	No dogs inside/resturant unless support animal
4347	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's hard enough for responsible dog owners already! Stop letting a few bag eggs ruin it for the rest of us.
4574	I support the proposed change		Botanic Gardens is a place to admire plants/flowers and dog access should be restricted.
4590	I support the proposed change		Fair. More detailed rules that are clear.
4777	I support the proposed change		Need to be on a leash
4868	I support the proposed change		I feel like this is a great improvement. There is limited opportunities for dogs to be exercised in this area of Auckland and I feel this is a fair distribution of space for both people and dogs to enjoy. I also agree with no dogs in food areas as I think this keeps everyone safe and avoids any unnecessary accidents.
4869	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current off leash area is a valuable space to safely exercise dogs, away from the general Botanic Garden public. Limiting the space or access times gives less opportunities to safely allow dogs to run in Auckland, as there are already very few locations allowing off leash areas.
5430	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Don't change it the area is small enough

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5712	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
5946	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	There are enough restrictions on dog owners as it is. Put your focus on the irresponsible owners, erratically roaming dogs, eradicate back yard breeding and accidental pregnancies! Then you will notice behaviour change. Until you change the story you won't get a different ending. 🐕🚫🐕
5997	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dog walking bylaws in these areas are sufficiently restrictive to prevent dogs being a nuisance to the public.
6485	I support the proposed change		I think this is a reasonable clarification of the rules, but signage should be very clear. I think dogs should be allowed to go through the visitor centre as it's a main entrance to the gardens.
6616	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	As a dog owner, I want my dog (and other dogs) to have continued access to this beautiful park. Where else can I take her at weekends for a good walk/run/sniff --particularly if you limit other parks too.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD			
103	I support the proposed change		Your proposals are confusing AF to read. I still can't work out the thing about times of day and whether your options 1, 2a and 2b and 3 are all or nothing. I don't agree with time limits on the off leash area.
111	I support the proposed change		The wording is more clear
164	I support the proposed change		Sounds reasonable as this is busy public park accessed by many people. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs. However signage has to be very clear.

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410	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We have so few off leash choices in Auckland, and I've only just been able to start bringing my dogs to the Botanical Gardens, where there is plenty of space for us to separate from other dogs. This allows my pets to get the exercise they need off leash without necessarily encountering other dogs on our outing. Reducing the area means we'll have less space for dogs to run and there could be issues if there are too many dogs in one space.
521	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is simpler and thus easier to understand and implement.
541	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs should be allowed on-leash in the outside cafe area!!! Dog owners should be allowed to stop at the cafe for a drink / meal & chat!! Dogs should be allowed in all areas except specifically small fenced off gardens. There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!! Cats are responsible for far more bird killings than dogs! Why do Council still allow cats to roam free and be-unlicensed, un-neutered and unrestricted numbers in households?
673	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It currently works well and the proposed changes severely limits where our dog can go which may cause dogs to be closer together perhaps creating tension with dogs that aren't as friendly
1101	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	My dogs love swimming in the stream, how unfair to try take that away when there are restrictions on when they can go to the local beaches in summer
1189	I support the proposed change		good to have dogs not in public areas that can get built up
1215	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current system works because it allows people to walk and enjoy the gardens with their family - and that sometimes includes their dogs! Prohibiting the dogs from majority of the areas will simply reduce foot traffic to the gardens. The cafe's business will definitely be impacted as people appreciate and are often seeking for dog friendly establishments. Those who do not want dogs around them can simply sit inside; not to mention the dogs are on leash anyway.

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1225	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Here in New Zealand, we are already so limited as to what we can and can't do with our dogs, and now you want to add more rules? The Botanical Gardens, the off leash area is such a good place for dogs to just be a dog. I don't understand why we can't walk our dog on a leash through the gardens. It's so important for dogs to experience and explore, stops them from becoming overly anxious and aggressive because they have an outlet.
1500	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Changes are too varied and confusing if you're not familiar with park.
1520	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are complete, safe and very well regarded as it is.
1837	I support the proposed change		That's correct.
1857	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dog exercise area is getting lesser, the puhinui stream is on leash area and a great walk for summer. If banned dog entry, dog don't get shady places to go during summer. Limit dog exercise area will lead to less socialised dog and more hyper aggressive behaviour will appear due to lack of exercise and socialised.
1958	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is unnecessarily restricting access to streams where the dogs can cool off and where so many enjoy spending time with their dogs. I don't see a valid reason for this so strongly disagree with the proposed change.
1962	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Instead of having restrictions, i personally believe in encouraging positive behaviour. eg having a dog friendly area only. Aggressive dog/anxious dog to have a separate area. Or having dog agility playground. Like humans, dogs need space and place to exercise
2124	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs need to able to get their off leash times!
2215	I support the proposed change		Makes sense more control in high use areas
2218	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	there are no major parks where dogs can socialize in Auckland as it is, socializing the animals is how they are educated and owners educate each other too. The botanical garden off leash area is a social place for all dog owners in south and east auckland. Taking this away and/or minimizing access minimizes our way of life, not just our pets, the people.
2390	I support the proposed change		Happy as long as there is still a large off leash area.
2464	I support the proposed change		Dogs have a wonderful off-lead area to the north-west of the park. It makes sense that they should be kept away from the other listed areas, and allowed on lead in the rest of the park.

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2578	I support the proposed change		Clearer policy, means a safer space for all users
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	See previous responses. Limit irresponsible dog owners all you like but do not place any limitations on responsible dog owners.
2707	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules at Auckland Botanic Gardens. The current rules already strike a good balance between allowing dogs space to exercise and protecting sensitive areas. Reducing off-leash areas unnecessarily penalizes responsible dog owners and limits their ability to enjoy the park with their pets. The proposed reduction of off-leash areas to the northwestern part of the park is too restrictive and vague. The area is already small, and the provision to further reduce it at the council's discretion creates uncertainty for dog owners. Dogs need adequate off-leash space for exercise, socialization, and mental well-being, and this change fails to account for those needs. I urge the council to reconsider these changes and maintain the current off-leash area. The park should remain inclusive for all users, including dog owners.
3806	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	the current policy is clear and straight forward. proposed policy is confusing.
3911	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We live in pakuranga. We enjoy a trip to the botanic gardens once every couple of months. On these trips our aim is to see the lovely gardens as well as exercise for both us and our 1 dog. I feel the rule changes are forcing us to make it a shorter less exciting trip if we take our dog so we will be forced to go elsewhere instead for a day trip (she needs walking regardless) In this instance I will feel much less support for the gardens and events held there.
4085	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	It's a main access point from Totara Park through to the off leash section. There is little foot traffic, except dog owners through this section of the park. Can't see a reason why the dogs would need to be on leash there. Limiting it to after hrs would be better than restricting it full time.
4090	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	This gives responsible dogs owners a chance to exercise dogs in a quite area with little foot traffic after hours.

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4225	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I think all areas of Auckland require off leash areas for dogs to let off steam. Dogs are social beings and enjoy the company of others off leash. I frequent Botanic Gardens and have never had an issue in this Park. There is a huge community surrounding the Gardens - why? What would be the reason to change the current rules? What is driving a decision to change the Rules?
4378	I support the proposed change		It is a huge area and there is plenty of space for people and dog owners to use the space safely. I do not think they should be in those highly popular areas when there is so much of the rest of the area they can be. It would be much safer that way.
4383	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I can't see a problem with the current system and think that the gardens are big enough for both parties. I have recently taken visitors from the UK to the gardens and they enjoyed the visit and didn't see a problem, thanks for letting me have a say
4475	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The waterways help keep the dogs cool during summer and are a highlight of our trip to the Botanic Gardens!
4539	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is one of the few places dogs can be exercised in the area.
4566			Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks.
4699	I support the proposed change		I don't think any dogs should be off leash, it's hard to walk from the Botanic gardens to Totara park without having dogs approach you
4840	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Because there are too many dog attacks on livestock and people by off leash dogs
5003	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Keep the stream and waterbodies included, it is often the only constant safe water access we have especially when there are shark sightings near our usual beaches. The off leash area is also currently large enough that dogs can run around but aren't forced into a small area that can aggravate some dogs.
5235	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Dogs should be on a leash at all times except in summer after 8pm.
5365	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The off leash area is ideal for dogs, provided they are under voice control.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.

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5564	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	After walking the humans need a coffee / drink
5647	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is no need to restrict this space. Users are compliant with rules already. Also, at the cafe area, don't restrict to only one side as its harder to supervise children on play area from there. Dogs on leash at all times is good in this space, but they should be allowed in outdoor seating areas on both sides of building for safety and weather protection (both rain and sun)
5711	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	By reducing the off lead dog area - particularly the waterways limits the variation in exercise that we can give our pup. The range of the off lead area is also so valuable as many people can walk their pups in space without feeling crowded or overwhelming for dogs that are unsure of larger groups. The only area that we can take our dog in the summer for a swim is the waterway as they're not allowed on any beach near us. The water is deep enough for a good swim and cool off and is so valuable for us to give our dogs joints a break from running and walking.
5820	I support the proposed change		However, I think around cafe, so long as you are outside, we as dog owners should be able to have our dog with us. These days more and more dogs are a part of people's families and/or are treated as fur babies.
5832	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I want to be able to take my dog to the outside cafe area. Not be excluded from that
6333	I support the proposed change		Dogs should be banned from Botanical gardens. May be allowed perimeter walk on leash.

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6555	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Mostly the proposal is clear and good. But - 'prohibiting' dogs from water, without an alternative, will now be very hard to control. Access to limited and defined points/water can be design, managed and built economically within the current off leach area, so as to have restrictive access and stream back rehabilitation elsewhere. (There are design possibilities to make water holes, fenced areas for small dogs, mown seasonal trails through long grass, etc that can fit and be part of garden themes and have dual purpose with Gardens developments themes, styles of garden, tree/ shade planting. (Over last 5-7 years damage to stream banks has expanded and now unacceptable on environmental grounds. In the past restriction to water holes was provided by fences, signs - but no one maintained and expanded these methods when vandalised. Less damage and problems would have happened with designed access/swim points and banks reinforced, regular repair of signs, policing users - no pack walkers..... The off leash area should include the full width of northern area as shown as 'current off leach' on App D. but without stream access - But on leash in bush area for individual dog walkers is a must
6962	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs should b Dogs should be allowed in the outside seating area of the cafe
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD			
160	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
377	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs need safe places to exercise and socialise off lead
1400	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Just been to the uk GB and was AMAZED that almost everyone was dog friendly, cafes, public parks etc. We have stopped coming to the botanical gardens to eat at the cafe due to this stupid rule despite there being an outdoor seated area
1587	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are family members to us, just like our children. So why are there so many regulations for them?
1654	I support the proposed change		Dogs should have access to all areas when under control.
1864	I support the proposed change		It's Important to provide off-leash areas for dogs. This doesn't appear to be that different from what's currently on offer.
2086	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward

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2511	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I'm a little concerned not letting dogs around the cafe will make it difficult for people to get refreshments when they have their dogs with them
2713	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
3051	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's is very confusing having so many different areas. Keep the rules simple and you will have a better chance of people actually following them.
4153	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We're an active family and enjoy spending time hiking and at the beach. We have a beloved Welsh Springer spaniel is she is very much a member of our family. The current restrictions on dog walking at many Auckland regional parks and beaches, already impacts our day to day life as there are so many places we simply can't go as leaving our dog at home for many hours is not an option. Any further restrictions puts additional strain on our ability to enjoy what Auckland has to offer. Changing the dog rules will only punish those who already abide by current expectations and won't change the behaviour of those that already ignore them. But it will negatively impact how local families with dogs can enjoy our parks and beaches. Dogs need to be able to have spaces to run off-leash and release energy. If they don't, it will just lead to increased behavioural issues and boredom which will likely manifest into increased barking and reactive dogs in our neighbourhoods.
4592	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The proposed changes are adding unnecessary restrictions
4746	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No dogs allowed in the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Pretty easy really. Other than service dogs.
5318	I do not support the proposed change		As per before.
5338	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Explain it better, that's waffly and over complicated
5363	I support the proposed change		Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack
5378	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Well behaved dogs should be allowed to enjoy these spaces
5393	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is not a huge issue currently so why change it??
5455	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's not broken and your making it hard who's going to understand and read signs
5484	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	quite a confusing policy change, point 2b) reads as though there are future plans to make changes to the dog off leash park...I do not support this

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5849	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	No change to off leash areas. This is one of the few place with off leash in the area. Plenty of garden to explore with dogs on leash if you don't want to be around off leash dog. I have never had a bad experience there
6092	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	While protecting wildlife is essential, it's important to ensure that sufficient dog-friendly areas remain available to accommodate the needs of dog owners.
6832	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	If dog owners are out and would like to stop for a coffee or lunch then why should they not be able to sit in cafe and to all areas of park? x
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD			
1762	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I oppose the proposal to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas for the following reasons: Significant Reduction in Dog-Friendly Areas: The proposal would result in a significant reduction in the areas where dogs can be off-leash, particularly in a largely unused section of the park. This limits the space available for dogs to exercise and play freely. Restrictions on South Auckland Dog Owners: South Auckland dog owners already have very limited access to off-leash areas. This proposal would further restrict their options, making it difficult for them to find suitable places to exercise their dogs. Punitive Measures Against Responsible Dog Owners: The proposal unfairly targets responsible dog owners who use the gardens to safely exercise and socialize their dogs. These changes would penalize those who follow the rules and ensure their dogs are well-behaved. Negative Impact on Dog Wellbeing: I particularly oppose the changes that would remove dog access to the stream. Playing in the stream is a beloved pastime for many dogs and contributes significantly to their wellbeing. Removing this opportunity would have negative impacts on their physical and mental health, especially when coupled with the already limited opportunities for dogs to enjoy water activities. For these reasons, I believe the proposal should be reconsidered to better accommodate the needs of dog owners and their pets.

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1847	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The Botanic gardens are a great resource for dog owners in an area where there are very minimal options for off-leash dog walking. Also having the option to sit outside at the cafe is wonderful. It is completely unfair to take that away from dog owners for no reason. For people that don't like dogs, there are almost unlimited areas that they can be while dog owners are confined to minimal options as it is. This will only make dog owners more desperate and less cooperative because they have no options.
2059	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I do not support 3.f) to prohibit dogs in all waterbodies, including the Puhinui Stream, lakes, dams, ponds and other streams and waterways
2483	I support the proposed change		Seems reasonable. Dog on leash is suitable
2729	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are simple and easily enforceable - the proposed new rule is overly complex with exceptions - no reasonable person will remember everything, it will be impossible to enforce and will stop people visiting the gardens - in essence it is ***** stupid.
2751	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The amount of enjoyable off leash areas for responsible owners are diminishing or being "developed" constantly, we are slowly being confined to *****, muddy, no beach access etc. Offleash areas are key to socialising your dog fully with responsible training, aswell as exhibiting and interacting with non dog owners to further reduce the stigma.
3494	I support the proposed change		Agree that dogs need to stay out of the puhinui, especially where they continually go in around s the forest track

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4302	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I agree with some changes to dog access and off-leash areas; however, I do think there needs to be more consideration for dog owners and dog areas. Where limited dog access to waterways - there needs to be some sort of addition for dogs where access is taken away e.g., Installing dog-friendly drinking fountains and splash areas to ensure dogs stay hydrated and cool, especially if access to lakes, rivers, or other natural water sources is restricted. Where dog access may be limited there needs to be an increase of the number of trees, shaded shelters, and resting areas to provide comfort for both dogs and owners, particularly during warmer months. Simply having access before 10am and after 5pm is not practical in all settings. Encouraging a similar approach to Byron Bay, Australia, where specific sections of beaches are designated for dogs. This would allow dog owners to enjoy the beach without affecting those who prefer dog-free spaces. Clear signage and proper management can help balance the needs of all beach users. Allowing dogs access to public spaces like parks and beaches is vital for their socialisation. Dogs need to interact with other dogs and people to develop good behavior and reduce anxiety or aggression. Restricting these spaces can hinder their social development, leading to potential behavioral issues in the future.
4321	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current access works well. Proposals are all too restrictive. I regularly use this park.
4772	I support the proposed change		It provides clarification without significantly changing access.

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4918	I don't know		Its one thing to make a law but another to actually enforce it. The Botanical gardens state that no wheeled vehicles (exception are mobility and prams) are allowed in the park ie bicycles, scooters, tricycles, skateboards, and yet these are all regularly in the gardens and no one enforces it. The staff refuse to enforce this rule (we have asked and reported it multiple times) and stop people so I can't see them doing anything about the change in the dog rules and people will continue to. The issues in the gardens is the walkway between the leash free area at the bottom and the walkway to Totara Park which is supposed to be leashed only and people refuse to put their dogs back on leashes. Not a safe area to walk anymore as you are likely to get attacked by the dog and the owner if you say anything. If you are going to bother to change the rules then policing and much greater fines need to be put in place. Cameras would also be beneficial; to keep people safe.
5408	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Sounds confusing
5581	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs should be allowed on leash in cafe as they have an outdoor seat anyway.
6024	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy works well, no need for change
6047	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Leave the rules as it is. Dogs should not have further restrictions. They're already limited as it is
6154	I support the proposed change		I support the changes, but only if the appropriate signage is implemented
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD			
28	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are limited areas where you can have free and safe off leash exercise with your dog, please don't make it harder for us, all we will do instead is break the rules
45	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	It would be difficult for dog walkers to grab a coffee or drink without their dogs - not clear on the visitor / cafe access.
121	I support the proposed change		The amount of times I have been to the Botanical Gardens and dogs everywhere including the outdoor restaurant. Also some owners are ignorant on how well their dog's are under control

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144	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The new rules threatens to eventually remove any off leash area. This is a very busy and enjoyed park by many locals. There are not any alternative off leash areas in south Auckland for them to go to.
222	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are no other suitable areas for me to take my dog off leash.
396	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Keep the larger off-leash area as it gives dog walkers with timid dogs more room to train and exercise their dogs. Plus be realistic about stream edge - as a local I have been walking my dog in totara park and the Gardens for 20+ years and it is pretty much a given that some dogs will jump in the stream. I agree with the riparian planting down by the Rimu tree but, as long as people do not congregate in 1 area I think some compromise should actually be in favour of dog owners. I love Totara park and the Puhiruru stream and am a biologist so well aware of erosion issues, but this is a multi use urban area and the Puhiruru is in good condition through the length of the park so seems to mostly handle a few dog swimmers.
628	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I strongly oppose the changes at the botanic gardens. This is one of the best walking areas for dogs. The main park which is currently on leash is a great safe space to walk dogs. I am there almost daily and most dog walkers are very considerate of park users. I do not agree with amending the off leash area. The smaller you make the area, the more problems you will have with dog fights. Having the large space means people can have their own space. With the amount of dog owners in South Auckland having the current off leash area is the least we deserve. Also, I oppose banning dogs from the waterways and streams. This provides much needed relief from the summer heat and fantastic enrichment for dogs. It's only a very small area in reality and there is no other water area nearby for dogs to enjoy.
1424	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners shouldn't be targeted! Auckland botanical gardens is a beautiful place and you can see that dogs love it there, even waiting while their owners enjoy their coffee.
1443	I do not support the proposed change		Leave dogs alone. Enforce the current rules and fine people who do not comply. Simple
1524	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	With off leash area becoming much smaller than existing off leash area, many people will find it difficult to play fetch with their dogs specially on weekends when the proposed off leash area is overcrowded. I have a mid size active dog breed. It needs a larger area to play fetch and socialize with other dogs. In a congested area, this will lead to fighting and danger to people passing by.

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1681	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This off leash area has been working well for me and our dogs over many years and is a way for us to interact with other dog owners and for the dogs to socialise free from their leashes. It has been a place that is well frequented by people and their dogs - no matter the weather, there is always someone in the off leash area exercising their dog (and themselves). I feel that the Botanic Gardens is something that we as local rate/tax payers should get to enjoy as much as overseas/other visitors to Auckland as we are often there every day! From my perspective, dog owners that use the off leash area do not have anti-social dogs and follow rules to muzzle any dog that needs it (although I have only seen this twice over many years). I do know that the Gardens staff have issues trying to keep dogs out of the waterways to encourage growth along stream banks - my suggestion for this would be to create a 'man made' pond that the dogs can access if they would like (I would be fully supportive of our council rates being used for something like this even though my two little dogs often do not swim). With these proposed changes across Auckland, it feels like responsible dog owners are being penalised (and not for the first time) for those that are not - roaming/unregistered dogs are a huge problem in South Auckland, perhaps this is an area that should be focused on rather than energy/funds being put into those that do follow the rules?
1788	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	this area is a safe place for owners and dogs to enjoy, it is perfectly spaced and designed to allow for off leash access at all times. It's unfair to limit dog access to waterways because it's an enriching activity and encourages use of natural spaces.
2011	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	While I understand the intention to balance public enjoyment of the Auckland Botanic Gardens with safety and environmental protection, the proposed changes may unnecessarily penalize responsible dog owners who already adhere to leash and control rules. The main concern should be addressing the actions of negligent owners who fail to supervise or control their dogs, rather than imposing broad restrictions that limit access for compliant dog owners.
2076	I support the proposed change		I support the majority of the proposed changes I just don't know if 3. F exclusion from Waterbodies because many of the dogs love bathing in the water area in the off leash area.
2189	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why should dogs be entirely excluded from cultivated garden areas? These make up almost the entirety of the botanic gardens except for the off leash dog area northwest of the rose garden. The botanic gardens is a destination for dog walkers because we know there is a large off leash dog area here. The proposed changes cut the off leash dog area almost in half. Dog owners should not be unnecessarily penalised

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2295	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	If you have an untrained, unneutered mutt or dog. It not never be off leash. I have had to intervene on far too many occasions. I have no issues with dogs coming to socialise. But it's south Auckland. Some one somewhere in council. Should have the basic education and common sense to understand what I'm stating. It's a big park with alot of visitors especially from overseas. If you bring your dog. Keep it under your control. Unleashed areas need to be gated. If you guys don't understand. Look how Australia or Europe or America do it. So an owner understands the rules and risks when they go off leash but in a secured environment. Nz is way to dumb as it is. You simply cannot expect the typical Auckland resident to do the right thing especially if they are ignoring current known basic legislation as is.
2354	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I would like all the Botanical Gardens park (except indoors in the visitor centre and the cafe) be accessible for dogs which are under control on a leash. There is no reason to impose any new restrictions on abiding dog owners.
2629	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As a relatively new dog owner (8 months of having my first dog) who has been frequenting this park for the past 7 months with my dog and for years prior to owning a dog I have found this park to be a safe and pleasant walking experience at various times of the day. The streets around my home are unsafe for me and my dog due to roaming dogs and I have found the Botanic Gardens to be a wonderful place to socialise my dog in an environment where all the dogs we have met have been well controlled (on or off leash) and the owners have been very responsible. My dog loves children and they love her and our walks are always extended (particularly in on leash areas) by families without dogs stopping us and wanting to interact.
2922	I do not support the proposed change		I dont agree with the changing of excluding dogs from the banks and Puhinui stream. During summer this is a great way to cool the dogs down and keep them out of the sun.
2981	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The reasons behind this proposed reduction of the off-leash area are unclear. Section 2.b. "until the area is further developed when at the discretion of council..." is very vague and could be misused.

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3069	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Auckland Council's proposed changes to dog access rules, particularly those affecting the Botanic Gardens and waterway access. As a responsible dog owner and ratepayer who annually registers my dogs with the Council, I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on waterway access, reduction of off-leash areas, and the introduction of time constraints for dog walking. These changes would significantly impact both the physical well-being and enrichment opportunities for our dogs. The proposed time restrictions for dog walking are particularly impractical. Dog owners have varying work schedules and family commitments that necessitate flexible walking times. Limiting access to specific hours would create unnecessary hardship and potentially lead to overcrowding during permitted times, which could increase rather than decrease potential incidents. The proposal to ban dogs from waterways, including the Puhinui Stream, is equally concerning. Access to water during summer months is not merely recreational—it is essential for dogs' safety and welfare, helping prevent heat-related health issues. Rather than implementing blanket bans, I suggest the Council consider more constructive alternatives, such as: - Improving signage to clearly designate dog exercise areas - Installing guided fencing and proper access points to protect sensitive areas while maintaining safe water access - Creating designated pathways that allow both environmental protection and responsible dog access The proposed reduction in off-leash areas is also problematic. Too much damage to the stream banks in the Puhinui Stream. Signs are confusing as you approach from different entrances and it needs to be very clear where the off lead and on lead areas are (start and finish). Clarity around the connection to Totara Park would be appreciated as many off leash dogs move from Totara Park into the regional park and stay off leash.
3329	I support the proposed change		

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3449	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The draw of the botanicals for many owners is the off leash exercise area. This helps the businesses by having people go for food and snacks, if you remove the offleash area there will not be those customers. Auckland has built up plenty of areas which you can no longer have dogs or have dogs off leash as a result people no longer use them. It is also very far to travel for the next off leash area and many people can't afford it. The dogs themselves will also suffer at the loss of an off leash area in which they can explore and run and play. Part of the draw of the botanicals is the waterways the dogs can play in. I understand the banks have eroded in some areas, but could we have an area where it is allowed down by the off leash area. Or move the allowable area around so the areas can recover? The case of looking after the waterways, does this mean that the pond in the middle will be cleaned up and cared for also?
3698	I support the proposed change		To help curb erosion on the river banks and ensure dogs are under control at all times (regardless of off or on leash) in areas that ensure the safety of other visitors to the park and other dogs
3722	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	The new proposal excludes the Puhinui Stream area from dogs but dog owners won't be able to stop their dogs from running into the water and causing considerable damage to the stream banks as has happened. Many owners seem to think it is the dogs' right to play in the water and don't understand that the ecological damage is irreversible. My other concern about over exuberant offleash dogs is the risk to elderly walkers and children. I have known of walkers being knocked over by large dogs thus sustaining injuries which impact a person's quality of life long term. Surely people's safety comes before dogs exercise needs in the Botanic Gardens where over 1 million people visit each year. YES to dogs on leash, NO to offleash!

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3852	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Botanical gardens is one of the few (if not the only) off leash area where dogs all size can exercise to their heart content. By reducing the area where they can be, and with the number of dogs on the area, this may lead to an more dense ration of dogs/area which would be detrimental for the current users of the area. The usage of the waterways is another sore point. Puhunui stream is the only please at that area where dogs can refresh on hot days and get a rinse if they happen to go into one of the unfenced muddy ponds that are in the current off leash area. By restricting the access to the stream, and not providing an alternative for dogs to get a rinse, drink fresh water or just be able to play on a shaded area, this policy is making the place less desirable and useful for dog owners. Also enforcement of the access to the stream, while the area remains unfenced, is not easy to do. Even with almost perfect recall, if a dog is too hot or thirsty, it will go for it.
3865	I support the proposed change		I will always be for any options to limit off-leash dogs from roaming and gaining access to spaces only meant for the public.
3872	I support the proposed change		I think the dog control in the gardens is poor currently. There are off leash dogs all over including in the areas they should be on leash. There are increasing numbers of dogs that are poorly controlled even on a leash. The dog access seems to dominate many areas of the gardens , over riding walkers and families wanting to utilise the facilities.
3894	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is very popular area to walk dogs off leash , by making the area smaller and prohibiting the use of the waterways will result in more overcrowding of dogs in smaller area and therefore more risk to people and and dogs
3896	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I go to the gardens often an dogs have never been an issue so I don't understand why it needs to be altered.

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3931	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	hello - I have questions around the proposed changes to dog access in the Botanical Gardens. i am a daily user of this area and would challenge any changes proposed. i also question the map provided in this document as it also does not represent the current signage in the gardens for on leash areas. the use of the puhinui stream for dogs to cool off in should remain however if the current pond in the off leash area was restored to a suitable standard this could be then used by the dogs - currently it is extremely smelly and very poor condition. Dogs on leash should also remain as available for outside the cafe for those wishing to have a meal and coffee after walking their dog - NZ is archaic in trying to stop this - i have recently returned from Europe where dogs are welcome even inside establishments . all cities visited were tidy and clean. The Botanical gardens are a large park with plenty of planted zones for non animal lovers to enjoy. i feel the problems come from non animal people walking through the off leash area and feeling uncomfortable - if they dont link dogs they should maybe limit the zones they walk -especially given the dog off leash area is not a planted zone - theres no real need to them to amble that way. please let the dogs keep some space to run and enjoy.
3982	I support the proposed change		I am a volunteer at the gardens and I regularly see people making no attempt to control their dogs, particularly around small children and elderly visitors. This is often a threat and we are repeatedly ignored when asking dog owners to put their animals on a leash. If there were more posted notices on what is allowed it might make it easier for us to protect others.
3986	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The off-leash area has been slowly increased by numbers of people with sociable dogs over the years we have been using this area. People meet and make friends they otherwise would not have met. Please leave this as is. Thanks
4166	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are too few areas in Auckland that allow dogs off lead. The botanic gardens is a huge area and there is plenty of separation between people and the off lead area, there is no need to change it.
4213	I support the proposed change		The area is frequented by children and elderly, and there's too many dogs at times which becomes a stress point for those. Also myself as a walker and hiker I find it stressful to be surrounded by dogs in remote areas especially so many who are "controlled" by owners nowhere to be seen.

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4304	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	My main point I am not happy is point f "exclusion areas and banks around and in all waterbodies, including the Puhinui Stream, lakes, dams, ponds and other streams and waterways". I totally think and am passionate that dogs absolutely enjoy their swims and there are a lot of dog owners who do not have any pools or watering holes that dogs can have a soak in. Especially in the summer months and dogs that have thick coats need that refreshment to help them get through the day especially when it is so hot. It rejuvenates them and also socialises them with other dogs and makes their day, especially if they are at home all day whilst their owners are at work. Speaking from experience and having a Golden Retriever (who has recently passed away) his last few days of having a "spa" in the water was so comforting for him. Why take this away from dogs? Really, its like saying that you can go to the beach but you can only look at the water and not swim in it! Its there to be enjoyed. Maybe an option would be to open certain waterholes and rotate them to give them a chance to rejuvenate, but please DON'T take away the option for a dog to go for a swim. Its a must for their wellbeing.
4385	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have never experienced problems associated with walking my dog in these off-leash areas because the area is a good size. With the number of dogs currently being walked in the park, if this area is less than half its current size, dogs will be in closer proximity to each other resulting in higher stress especially for older dogs
4444	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	1) I oppose Clause 2b which allows council to remove the off leash altogether at their "discretion". 2) I oppose reducing the size of the off-leash area. Particularly the area between the proposed off-leash area and Totara Park entrance. I remember walking my dog off-leash decades earlier before the signs were put there (that are contrary to the by-law). It is a massive reduction. 3) I oppose Clause 3e prohibiting dogs in cultivated garden areas. This leaves the by-law open for further restrictions as council deems more areas to be "cultivated". What is the problem with someone walking their dog under, on a lead, through the African Garden or similar? 4) I support prohibiting dogs around the cafe where there are often young children (young children, food and dogs is not a good mix).
4451	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am a responsible dog owner and have walked my dog both on and off leash in the designated areas for over 9 years. I do not see the need for a change if people abide by the rules.

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4503	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	This is currently a high use area for off leash dog exercise. If you change the rules you are only punishing good dog owners. Bad dog owners with no control over the dogs will still visit the park and cause harm.
4505	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dog walking areas across Auckland are being reduced at an alarming rate. People walk dogs at different times of the day for example very early in summer while it's cool or before work or late in evening when it's cool and after work as well as during the day, so restricted times won't work. Dogs need to be able to run, play, and swim. I would support dogs having to be on leash in Huakaiwaka Visitor centre, Café areas, designated food concessionaire areas, Potter Children's Garden, cultivated garden areas, and when there are events on. May be there could be a designated swimming area that's enhanced to protect the river bank.
4792	I support the proposed change		Please ensure you include Guide Dogs in all signage & rules
4843	I support the proposed change		Enforcement for breaching these rules must be ready and quick.
4861	I support the proposed change		Too many dogs off leash and causing trouble. Would like to see dog park closed and just used for unleash only at the botanical gardens
5046	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's fine as is. There is no reason to take away off leash areas.
5448	I don't know		People do not take any notice currently of the on leash and off leash signs at The Gardens or Totara PRk

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5620	I support the proposed change		The Beautification Trust fully supports the proposed updates to dog access rules at Auckland Botanic Gardens. These changes strike an essential balance between maintaining a welcoming space for dog owners while protecting the environment, public safety, and the integrity of key community and educational events. Auckland Botanic Gardens plays a significant role in environmental education, including hosting our flagship event, Eye on Nature, which brings thousands of students and whānau together to learn about sustainability. However, dogs in key event areas have created ongoing challenges, including disruptions to events, safety concerns, and environmental degradation. Strengthening enforcement of these rules will ensure that the gardens remain an inclusive and safe space for school children. The Puhinui Stream Restoration Project is another critical reason why these changes are necessary. As a major partner in the restoration of Te Puhinui, Auckland Council has an obligation under the Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui Charter to protect and restore the health of this significant waterway. Despite previous efforts to limit dog access, damage continues—dogs entering the stream have stripped away soil and vegetation, leading to severe erosion, collapsing banks, and disrupted ecosystems. These rule changes will provide stronger protections for the stream, ensuring restoration work is not undermined by continued dog activity. We support: • Allowing dogs on-leash throughout most of the gardens, ensuring they remain under control in shared spaces. • Designating the northwestern area for off-leash activity, with clear signage and flexibility for adjustments as the space

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5643	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	1) All walkers or joggers are well aware that the park is for off leash dogs at all times when they venture past the Botanical Garden gates . I realise public safety is paramount but presently the walkers are always considered when seen by the dog owners . 2)City dogs need space to exercise and socialise with the increase in apartment living It is also apparent there is no graffiti and most dog faeces are removed and deposited in the bins provided . There is only THREE ! Also other dog owners are always watching that this is practiced by others within the park . 3) The responsibility is with the dog owners therefore one should consider reporting any danger to others with the outcome being more than a social call by the Animal Control with no action as this frequently happens. 4) The Puhinui stream is a haven for the dogs in the summer and it would be sad to have this area removed . 5) When registering a dog maybe it should be considered that it included where the dog would be exercised in the future therefore the council stats would be accurate regarding how the park was being utilised .
5668	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The majority of dog owners who use the off least areas use it responsibly and have well behaved dogs. And are pro active at keeping the peace if any issues arise. I use the tracks along the stream often in the summer for my dog as it's cooler so I would hate for this area to become out of bounds.

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6215	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to dog access laws and urge the council to keep the current policy in place. These changes are unnecessary, unfair, and target the wrong audience. The existing Dog Policy 2019 already provides a balanced approach that considers public safety, responsible dog ownership, and the well-being of dogs. The proposed restrictions will significantly reduce access to off-leash areas, despite no substantial evidence of increased risk or public concern that justifies such drastic measures. Rather than punishing responsible dog owners and well-behaved dogs, the council should focus on better enforcement and education for the minority who do not follow the rules. Blanket bans and excessive restrictions penalize the majority of responsible pet owners while doing little to address genuine issues. Additionally, changing the language of the policy to frame dogs as a “nuisance” rather than a valued part of the community is deeply concerning. Dogs provide companionship, improve mental and physical health, and contribute to vibrant local communities. Limiting their access to public spaces goes against the very principles the council should uphold Please listen to the thousands of Auckland dog owners who want fair and sensible policies. I do not support these proposed changes, and I ask the council to reconsider.

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6286	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	1. There should not be an off-leash area across major pedestrian routes. The North of the Botanic Gardens goes across three major pedestrian routes. 1.1. Visitors using the North entrance of the Botanic Gardens to walk through the gardens path from Everglade Drive entrance to the main part of the Botanic Gardens. 1.2. People walking along the Te Arora Trail which enters/exits the Northwest of the Botanic Gardens from the path which goes under the Southern Motorway. 1.3. People walking from or to either the North entrance of the Botanic Gardens or the Te Arora trail. Then walk along the trails at the north of the Botanic Gardens to get to Totara Park, the swimming pool at Totara Park, the mountain bike park in Totara Park, or to get to the Gardens suburb. 2. The many other uses of the proposed off leash area who are not walking dogs should not be put at risk of dog bites, or infection from dog droppings. As the proposed number of off leash dogs one person can have is three there will continue to be dog droppings which aren't picked up and dog attacks on people and other dogs. 3. The proposed off-leash area has no physical boundaries round it, except for small areas fencing round parts of Puhinui Creek. A significant minority of dog owners can't control their off-leash dogs or actively encourage their off-leash dogs to go into areas where the dogs are supposed to be on leash. There are areas close to the proposed off-leash area of high ecological value, such as the bush area and Puhinui creek at the north of the Botanic Gardens, and the main Botanic Gardens to the south of the proposed off-leash dog area.
6319	I support the proposed change		It would provide more safer areas for me to walk my dog. I was attacked by a dog in the on leash area as it had come from the off leash area so reducing it would prevent dogs not under control by their owners from attacking me again
6340	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Overseas dogs are a lot more welcome in cafes shops etc. do you want people to bring and exercise dogs and then put them in the car so they can eat and drink. Not very responsible

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6366	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We use this park regularly and it's the only local place we can exercise our dog offleash. If we reduce the offleash area it will mean a higher concentration of dogs in a smaller area and will cause more issues. This park is used everyday by responsible dog owners trying to exercise their dogs. My dog enjoys swimming in the stream and if we reduce the offleash area this means no swimming for her. This is so hard especially in the summer where we can't go to the beach during the day to let her swim. Please do not reduce the offleash area. It will result in less area for dogs to exercise.
6426	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Please do not reduce the off leash area. It is a lifeline for our dog walking community. There are so few spaces especially large spaces for dogs to be exercised. I fear all the dogs in a smaller area will lead to more fights and aggression as less room to move away. It will also discourage owners to exercise their dogs and lead to more dogs in need of stimulation. We love and appreciate our dog park do much as is. There's ample room for everyone. Please don't reduce it.
6458	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Off leash should be permitted and consultation should be required before council changes its rules
6513	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	People should be able to walk their dogs around the gardens, and the off leash area is very important for dogs health and wellbeing. I actually enjoy meeting dogs and their owners whilst walking as I am unable to have a dog of my own. The off leash area has never bothered me as it's a long way from most of the walks.
6519	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Botanic Gardens are used by all dog owners who want to have socialization, for themselves and their dogs. Also the area proposed for off lesh is grass, not good for the elderly. It's also very close to the motorway.
6546	I support the proposed change		All dogs in the Botanical Gardens should be on leash. I support the areas being prohibited as noted.
6548	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.

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6573	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Changing the rules between 10am and 5pm is too hard to understand or manage. The area in the Gardens that is offleash is mostly used by dogs and owners. Expecting that dogs offleash will not jump into the waterways is ridiculous - makes no sense to have this rule. The prohibited areas are ok except for (F) and should be able to be in (e) if they are on a leash. Don't decrease the space for dogs and owners when generally they are well behaved. Groups who 'meet' up together have been the ones we have had issues with - the dogs come together and start to act as packs, charging at other dogs and the owners are too loose with their control. Signs need to be up to educate these groups. Also things like: if a dog is on leash, keep your dog away. The reality is in the off leash areas the majority of people utilising these areas have dogs so why take this away - so those areas aren't used on a regular basis? It also forces dog owners onto the roads where there is more chance of them interacting with the community. The designated areas are safer for the dogs and community.
6580	I don't know		Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.
6622	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I pay rates and should be allowed to responsibly walk my dog in parks I fund the upkeep for
6686	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is one of the only safe off leash places I can take my dog. These rules will only work to disadvantage and punish people who are responsible dog owners. This will impact people like myself who work hard to ensure their dogs are exercised and enriched every day. It does nothing to address the bigger issue which is owners who do not to walk, secure or adequately care for their pets. There are already so few places where I am able to walk my dog freely and safely in the city and this seeks to reduce these places even further.

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6740	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	we are a local and love how much of an area we can walk our dog. This summer have been so glad to have found a small stream near the off-leash area we can go regularly to let him swim to cool off but also burn off his HUGE amount of energy. We are there often and notice the area is very highly used by other dog owner and very few other people and seems a wast to see this area become off limits. we are so worried that losing this and many of the other areas of the park are going to hugely restrict many of our local dogs from getting out enough to be well exercised, socialised with other dogs and people but also engaged with a range of different areas (both on and off leash) helps keep our intelligent high drive dog well behaved.
6838	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Our Golden Retriever went to the off leash area every day to play with the kids and other dogs. This area is crucial for socialising our dogs . This is one of the very best dog parks in Auckland with such an amazing open space to play and run. And the stream where the dogs get to swim and cool down in the summer months.
6850	I support the proposed change		The number of people who allow their off-leash dogs to approach other people (particularly those with dogs that need to be left alone by other dogs for a variety of reasons) is far too high.
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180	I support the proposed change		In a place so full of families and young children, I think dogs should be on leash at all times.
249	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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?
639	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.
688	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's one of the best places to walk a dog why would you ruin that
699	I support the proposed change		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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739	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Again the issue lies with uncontrolled dogs. Those which are well behaved off leash are not the challenge. Propose a strong focus on dog management/ownership vs punishment for all. Recommend an update to 'Dogs which do not have strong recall or can not be controlled off-leash should be on leash at all times'. Focus on the issue and responsible management of these dogs vs punishment for both owners and dogs who are managed, well behaved off leash. 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.
1228	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
1293	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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).
1437	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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.
1649	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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.
1907	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.

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2312	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
2545	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	why not
2655	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rules are fine and need not be changed.
2876	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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)
3257	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
3555	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	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.
3633	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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
3771	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Much stronger rules and policing around the destruction on the stream banks..

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3959	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The park is well used by dog owners Limited access will kill off interest in the park
4152	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is working perfectly well as it is.
4178	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	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
4211	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	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.
4409	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
4470	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	No restrictions
4533	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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
4655	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
4876	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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).
5169	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should never be off leash in a public area
5500	I don't know		It's still very confusing, the map showed a reduction in the off leash area. I support no dogs in any children's play areas.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Leave the botanical gardens off leash area, off leash at all times

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5642	I don't know		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.
5801	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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.
6107	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	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 each other 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.
6124	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	People will ignore the amendments to the stream areas and dogs need opportunities to access off lead water bodies.
6181	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	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

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6444	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	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 a live

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6646	I support the proposed change		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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197	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	My young kids and I have been confronted by many off-leash dogs at this park, and NONE are what I would describe as "off leash, in control" as the owner has been yelling at the dog to "come here" and the dog obviously just ignores the owner. I seriously doubt any owner actually in control of their off leash dog if it sees something like a small child or animal and this is scary for the child and animal!
209	I support the proposed change		Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs.
266	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Will be really bummed to loose water way access. This is a great place to take dogs for a refreshing swim in the shade in the summer and winter time. We love spending time here - would be sad to see this change as there are already not many places dogs are allowed

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322	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	You are limiting families to enjoy the gardens with well behaved dogs eg not allowing them in the children's garden or cafe outside areas/ food concessions eg can't get icecream/ coffee if have family dog with kids. Why ban dogs from banks of waterways? I understand if they are bothering wildlife but if it's a leashed area and they are under control I don't see the need for it to be prohibited. We visit the gardens regularly and never use the off-leash area. Our dog is well behaved, we respect the gardens and feel the proposed rules will hinder family enjoyment.
388	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I understand the need for on leash in summer periods but we don't have sufficient off leash spaces as it is. We need more safe spaces not less
403	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why limit dogs? There are so few areas you can take a dog due to local wildlife.
447	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on Leash in all areas
459	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Because dogs should be able to visit parks with their families but to mitigate issues with dogs off leash if they are on a leash it will be less chaotic and alleviate issues with off leash dogs amongst alot of people.
468	I support the proposed change		Dogs on leash best for safety for all
495	I don't know		I am not sure if people will follow it. Many people already do not adhere to the dog rules
505	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	This is restricting dog access to good areas they can cool off and get the exercise they need before continuing to be restrained. If you are prohibiting this area, what area are you opening up for dog exercise and socialisation?
519	I support the proposed change		They will still have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences fir not following the rules.
610	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	It's common sense that dogs should be allowed in the gardens as long as they are managed. Having them allowed off leash off peak time when they are less likely to bother anyone is a good compromise

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643	I support the proposed change		I do think that in these high pedestrian populated areas that dogs can be prohibited. Personally, I walk my dog in the sports grounds and in the periphery walk ways through the bush.
691	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The Botanic Gardens is wonderful place to walk with our dog/s and making it more restrictive would exclude one of our lovely walking places.
904	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	This is becoming a police state and just for dog haters, we should be helping people better train their dogs and NOT punishing the huge majority who have amazing dogs.
947	I support the proposed change		Off leash dogs can be a nuisance in recreational areas
952	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We take our dog to Botanical gardens regularly on leash. This means we can't walk around the waterways. That is unacceptable.
955	I support the proposed change		Keeping everyone safe.
1028	I support the proposed change		I'd like a blanket rule that dogs are required to be on lead and under control at all times in the entire gardens. There are so few open spaces that are free from dog concerns
1032	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I think there should be access for dogs on a leash to the cafe and food concession areas.
1064	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	the current rules are fine for owners of dogs. they are already limited and further rules will not change peoples want to walk their dogs.
1114	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I feel that areas to take your dog are already very limited, especially over summer and i therefore disagree with restricting, reducing and limiting these areas further
1135	I support the proposed change		Sounds sensible. There are a lot of kids around
1181	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Dogs should be allowed at least on leash, it's a nice place to go for a walk. There are already so many parks and tracks that dogs are not allowed. For some people dogs are part of the family and they go together everywhere. Leash is ok, and people should clean up after dogs. Simply restricting access is "easy" fix, which will be harmful to a lot of people!

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1251	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	So few areas available to exercise dogs off lead
1279	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Police the policy that is already in place. If you have issues with todays laws sort that out .Police the policy ,with more regular visits of areas where there is major issues, by dog control officers. Don't punish good dog owners because there are bad dog owners and people who will complain about nothing.
1341	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Too draconian. Also this proposed policy treats small and medium sized dogs with the same treatment as aggressive larger dogs. Post-covid there has been a significant increase in small-medium sized dogs in families and rules need to adapt as 'dogs' under policy definition is too broad
1416	I support the proposed change		In principle, support the change. However evidence under existing policies show owners mostly release dogs from on-leash area. This causes repeated problems of dogs jumping on, growling, and chasing runners and walkers of all ages. Non compliance with on-leash signs is high.
1436	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	we love this place so much and it is such a pleasure to be able to take our dog there
1616	I support the proposed change		I broadly support this except for the waterways. I think dogs should still be allowed off leash in the waterways.
1734	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Like I said previously, you might as well label dogs a pest if you are going to restrict them from going anywhere
1775	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs and owners need somewhere to enjoy too, especially swimming areas as there are so few in summer time
1861	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	No issue with current rules.
1905	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Do not reduce off leash dog exercise areas
2048	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is ridiculous.

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2139	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2209	I support the proposed change		Agree for being prohibited around children's area so they can freely play
2315	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is unnecessarily restrictive and a disproportionate reaction to the level of issue and complaint that comes from existing dog control bylaws. Many Aucklanders have dogs and this will create further restrictions on their use and enjoyment of our local natural environment. We should put more emphasis on bylaws concerning cats who are actually much more likely culprits in hurting our wildlife, for example.
2616	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You make it so difficult to have a family outing with the family dog. Having a dog under control on leash should be acceptable in most areas.
2657	I support the proposed change		People go there to see the gardens .
2712	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current laws are fine. Restricting the off-lead area just reduces the area to walk with the dog off lead with no clear reason given by council for shrinking this area. I understand that you need to keep dogs from jumping in the streams to protect vegetation on the banks to avoid erosion. Perhaps lots of signs along the banks telling dog owners to keep their dogs out of the streams would be appropriate.
2734	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is no need to shrink the current off leash dog access area.
2757	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are few off leash parks in Auckland where dogs can get proper exercise but also get shade and water when it's hot. People do not swim in these bodies of water and the paths on one side are not off leash so still keep human visitors and dogs separate. A lot of the off leash dog parks do not provide shade or proper places to cool off which makes it very hard to walk on hot days.
2817	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Again, responsible people adhere to keeping their dogs under control and will be penalised once again because of those that don't care. Perhaps dog ownership registration would be a much better idea than register the dog?

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2864	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Both areas should be on leash at all times. There is not a set boundary for the off leash area, and I have seen off leash dogs in the on leash area. Having an off leash area that is not controlled leaves room for error by owners and dogs that do not recall well.
3358	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs need off leash space and you have had so much intensive housing in that area that the very least that's needed is off leash at that park.
3430	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is a well used area for well behaved dog users. Leave it alone
3535	I support the proposed change		Fair and reasonable
3536	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules seem reasonable. Generally a waste of time reviewing. We as a society do not need more rules dreamed up by "well meaning" Councillors.
3571	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I support the change to restricting dogs from the stream banks because dogs are causing erosion to the banks. However, I do not support shrinking the off leash area (to the right of the proposed area). I propose to keep the current off leash area except for around the stream.
3695	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	It should be the decision of the dog owner to allow Dogs to be on/off leash rather than a mandated law. I strongly oppose these changes.
3749	I support the proposed change		Makes sense - our dog loves the freedom of the off-leash area and it's large enough even with the changes. However I do think the cafe and food concession areas could be "on leash" rather than prohibited.
3772	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs on leash makes sense at the food areas or when events. If a dog is well trained and under control then it's unfair to say no dogs by the cafe for instance. The domain is a beautiful area and should be shared by all, in fact sports rips up the grounds more than any dog, I have a small, very well trained dog who I walk around the domain with my baby, it's the only local place I can let my dog off and throw a tiny ball for her as a sleep deprived mother. This rule would remove any down time I can give my dog, who by nature is very well trained and under control.

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3990	I support the proposed change		As a dog owner myself I think dogs should be on a leash in all but designated areas where they can have a run. Too many owners are irresponsible in watching where their dogs defecate and picking it up and also in controlling them from approaching nervous dogs.
4132	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Restricting the space dog uses have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4735	I support the proposed change		seems ok
4775	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	These changes do not give dog owners the freedom to have their dogs exercisers or excise themselves while walking their dogs. These changes are taking away the rights of dog owners who pay rates for the upkeep of these parks.
4881	I do not support the proposed change		I do not support removing access to the stream. I understand that this is causing issues for some of the trees. I would encourage the gardens to develop suitable infrastructure to allow this.
4886	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Our dog should be able to access the waterway which is not a human swimming place
4944	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The new proposed change will restrict dogs to be off leash more than the current regulation
5080	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This change prevents dog owners from enjoying the art installations in the cultivated areas. The change to Puhinui stream access reduces the shaded areas to walk dogs and prevents dogs from having somewhere to cool down during hot summer days.
5120	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Off leash == roaming dogs many times
5183	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	No dogs in an urban area should be off leash. None
5520	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why do you make it smaller and more complicated? Life is hard as it is. So, you are saying the off-leash area will be more compact and crowded? and have a higher risk of dogs get into brawl? is that the purpose here? to create a dog fight area? I can see you might want to make profit here, but I'm pretty sure dog fight is illegal here.
5751	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We use this park all the time and take responsibility for our dog and what she does.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rules are workng.

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6069	I support the proposed change		Clearly explains wheee dogs are allowed, and keeps them away from high use areas
6087	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed in the cafe when on a leash. It is good for patrons especially children to see controlled dogs when relaxed with food
6116	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Submission to Council: Advocating for Fair and Inclusive Access to Parks for Dog Owners Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's population growing rapidly, housing density is increasing, and public spaces are becoming more limited. Allowing dogs on leashes in all parks ensures that all residents, including dog owners, have access to recreational areas.
6185	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have seen no issues at the Gardens. Usually dogs are on the smaller size. More people would continue to use the garden if current policy remains
6229	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Stop making up all this nonsense. Make it simple, dogs on leash no problem. Leave it at that. The more complex and tricky that you make it the less people will be inclined to comply
6402	I don't know		You need to improve signage to direct people to the off leash area. Otherwise you seem to have made the existing rules just more complicated!

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6456	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I would support this. As it still gives availability of the park to all.
6490	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't want more restrictions as we are already limited in times and places to walk the dog.
6524	I support the proposed change		These are the most public places and therefore the risk of harm to the public is higher. Those responsible for the dogs are also not necessarily concentrating on looking after their dogs instead enjoying themselves.
6595	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't support getting rid of an off lease area in the gardens
6719	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Again Auckland has very limited dog exercise areas already. We need more of these areas to promote healthy social behaviors for dogs.
6772	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	If owners can take their dogs out for walks in parks, and beaches where they are going to? Do they have to drive further making traffic worse, would the owners have to leave their dogs home barking creating unnecessary nonsense within the neighbourhood? Causing dogs not to be allowed to exercise and then potentially causing the dogs to become violent? Have these consequences of making life harder for dogs owners being considered?
6778	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Restricts dog owners to exercise them and enjoy the public gardens.
6849	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is ridiculous to be restricting off-leash areas for dogs at all in my opinion. This seems to be in an effort to make people "feel" after instead of making any real tangible change. This will lead to more amendments to off-leash areas in the future until they are all on-leash only. Dogs need off-leash exercise in order to be healthy and properly exercised, which cannot be achieved while on-leash. It makes far more logical sense to mandate that everyone who gets a dog must pass a legitimate dog training course, thereby actually improving the behaviour of most dogs rather than creating segregation zones.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD			
153	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	So many dogs...if you mke the area off leash smaller it will be overcrowded and be safety issue. Love the current staus quo

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465	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Please keep the off lead area This is the only space in South Auckland that provides a space for dogs. Most dogs using this area loves the stream and to swim making a designated swim spot would be beneficial and would stop people from seeking alternatives in restricted areas. Please do not take this area away.
1309	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	i walk my dog here nearly everyday as i live in the Wiri area. its such a blessing to have this space. for my and my dog to explore. having the open space for him to run is amazing, there isnt many other off leash areas in the manukau area.
1696	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I support proposed amendment 1, and 3 (excluding 3f). In the summery sheet, it is clearly stated that dog ownership has increased. The Auckland Botanic gardens is one of the most popular dog parks in the city and appendix D shows the proposed off leash area as being half the size of the current area. I do not support such a dramatic reduction in size, considering your own statement of a higher dog ownership in the city. More dogs, should not equal less exercise space.
2245	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is a family area where we bring our dogs and people love them

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2389	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the dog park area. These amendments significantly restrict the freedom and enjoyment of both dogs and their owners, undermining the park's value as a shared community space. Allowing dogs off-leash in the northwestern area only under stringent conditions, with the possibility of future limitations to on-leash rules, greatly reduces the opportunity for dogs to exercise and socialise. This change is unnecessary and will create confusion with inconsistent rules, especially during events when restrictions are at the council's discretion. Clear and consistent policies are essential for an inclusive and user-friendly park. Furthermore, the prohibition of dogs in high-use areas, such as the café terrace, cultivated gardens, and waterbodies, is excessive. Responsible dog ownership, supported by proper signage and education, can mitigate concerns about safety, hygiene, and environmental impact. Blanket prohibitions alienate dog owners, who are integral to the park's community. Instead of these restrictive measures, I urge the council to prioritise balanced solutions, such as designated fenced areas, clear signage, and waste disposal facilities. These changes would accommodate the needs of all park users while maintaining safety and enjoyment for everyone. Please reconsider these proposals in favour of a more inclusive approach.
2529	I support the proposed change		Dogs on leash rule must be adhere to. This is so under regulated.
2850	I support the proposed change		Support but with exception. One dog per owner.
2921	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Actually the only thing I'm against is the dogs not being allowed in the streams and water bodies!! Who came up with this crappy policy (f)? It's a great way for dogs to cool down when it's hot or after their run or walk.
3352	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I do not agree with this statement "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."; as it leads to believe this is inevitable that the area will be further developed from what it already is and will exclude space for our dogs to have some freedom. Limiting so many parks makes it difficult to find places they can be walked off-leash outside of our own private property.

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3617	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The proposal here is to slash the off-leash area by 50%. It removes the ability of dogs to swim. It explicitly removes dogs from the visitor centre, and cafe. The proposal conflicts with your goal in 3.6.2. Instead of integrating dog owners and their dogs with other users of public places, you explicitly remove dogs. You wanted to provide opportunities for dog owners to take their dog to public places that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both the dog and owner. The Botanic Gardens is one such place. But you make 50% on-leash, and you remove one of the great areas where dogs can swim. Swimming is much appreciated by dogs, especially in summer.
3899	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I think the current rules and area are sufficient for dog owners. Any reduction does not take the wellbeing of the animal into consideration. Dog owners should be allowed to have well controlled animals off leash in a large enough area to exercise their dogs. I am not a dog owner myself but I do enjoy seeing them in the dog walking area of the Botanic Gardens.
4440	I do not support the proposed change		You need to expand the off leash area, not reduce. the proposed area of off leased area is fine in the Summer, but very wet in the winter. There is nowhere to sit if required. Why is the off lead area being changed? Who is going to make sure we all stay on the motorway side. In the summer we like to walk in the shade. A huge amount of people walk there dogs in the dark before going to work. Someone like myself, cannot walk on slippery uneven ground. A lot of money will have to spent to make it safe for us to safely walk. Totoro and all of the land was Gifted to the people of Manurewa. We are entitled to have our say about what happens to our park and surroundings.
4740	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Safety risk and I've heard some scary stories of people / kids be rushed at by leashed dogs. Just ban them completely from here
5267	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The off leash area for dogs are one of the most important areas for a lot of dog owners. In Auckland, south Auckland especially it's hard enough to find a suitable off leash site with lots of running area, taking it away from dog owners would be horrible! Swimming in the creeks are the dogs favourite natural AC method in summer. There's already lot of animal cruelty happening and taking away this off leash zone or reducing in size would be considered just as cruel and heartless. We have been for to the off leash part for over 3 years now and not once have I seen a dog endangering other species!

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5441	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Don't cut our Botanic Gardens zoomie zone. Let us swim in the creek - it's our summer AC. More off leash parks, NOT fewer.
6389	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The off leash area needs to be expanded. Dogs must be allowed in the cafe and visitor area.
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD			
544	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	For dogs to be good members of society, it is critical to have large spaces where they can go to burn off energy and interact with other dogs. Reducing the off lead area so significantly at the Botanic Gardens would be a massive blow to dog owners in the area
557	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Support amendment 1. Amendment 2a is reasonable provided events are one-two days, not ongoing for long periods. Strongly oppose 2b - an additional and separate consultation should be required before changing the rulea for this area, as it provides one of the only public spaces where dog owners can sensibly walk off leash and allow socialisation of dogs. Many non dog owners also come.to this area to meet dogs or to help children become acustomed to animals without fear. A change to this, if it is decided it may be required, should involve specific consultation with the south Auckland community it impacts once any development plans are proposed. Mostly agree with 3, but given the water bodies are predominantly in on-leash areas, there is no need to specify excluaiion zones around water bodies. It is already the case that dogs are not allowed in these water bodies, further extension of the exclusion zone is unnecessary and prevents dog walkers from gaining reasonable access and enjoyment to the gardens.
619	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I mostly agree with the proposed changes except for prohibiting dogs from the potter children's garden. When we walk as a family and enjoy a day out at the gardens we take our family pet. To then be allowed to walk most places but not be allowed in there means our family would have to be split up. Our kids have always enjoyed the children's area and this proposal would disappoint all of us. This seems unreasonable, especially if dogs can be under control at all times. This is the same as the cultivated garden areas. To split a family up would be an absolute shame. We love our sog and as he is also a support for our autistic son, to then deny our dog access when we are having a family day out is extremely disappointing.
1067	I support the proposed change		The off leash area should be timed and monitored as I have been there many times and people just let their dog run offleash without keeping them in control.

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1406	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	exclusion areas and banks around and in all waterbodies, including the Puhinui Stream, lakes, dams, ponds and other streams and waterways; This change means the only body of water some dogs have access to in the area if they cannot go to beaches is removed and will mean that in summertime there is no space for dogs to cool down or have enrichment
1466	I support the proposed change		It clarifies dog areas
1574	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is already only a tiny corner of the Botanic Gardens that dogs are allowed in. Its a place we go to for training and educating our dogs, where else can we do this if you keep cutting our spaces out? I don't see why dogs can't be onlead in other areas, it makes access impossible to the offleash area if you prohibit dogs entirely.
1617	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Main question is why exclude the waterways? So people wouldn't be able to let their dogs touch the streams in the bush walks? Seems extreme. No reasoning provided. They aren't like cattle messing up banks, plants and passing on zoonotic diseases...
1626	I support the proposed change		I don't think there should be any off leash areas
1648	I don't know		We need a bigger area for our dogs not smaller.
1780	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Is nice to walk dogs around gardens
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
2231	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is probably the main off leash dog park in south Auckland, and you want to restrict it even more!! Dogs are such an important part of people's lives yet you're making it harder for people and their dogs to get enjoyment and enrichment time together outdoors! Put kids on a leash, they do more damage!
2247	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This park nowadays is the best part of Auckland to meet with friends not leaving the dogs at home.
2260	I don't know		I saw the proposal to only have dogs off leash before 10am and after 5pm which would be a crying shame. This is one of the best off leash areas in Auckland and should be maintained as such all day.
2436	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't believe that there is any need to change the current rules which already restrict dogs from the cafe, Potter Children's Garden, cultivated areas and around food concessions. The new rules makes the off-leash area much smaller than it currently is. If dog owners do not have appropriate places to take their dogs they will be forced into other areas such as local parks and playgrounds which will not be good for anyone.

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2533	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Unless the council is to build fences around water bodies there is no way to keep a dog out of them in the off leash areas. Being able to change the rules to On Leash at all times on a whim just reduces the options for off leash exercise.
2612	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	when you have bigger designated area of "under control off a leash", there's a possibility that dogs can wander beyond the area. Why can't there be fenced area?
4162	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is our local dog park, the area for off lead is already quite small. Everywhere is on lead anyway, so why change it. The Cafe will lose business if it tries to impose prohibiting dogs. If council wants to proceed with this, they need to show some statistics how currently dogs are a threat to society
4197	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The Auckland Botanical Gardens is one of very few locations in South Auckland (south of Manukau) that dog owners can go to give their dog good exercise. The off leash area (current) is a fantastic area for dogs to socialise. Amendments for future development should be held until such a time as the area is actually developed - until then, you're changing the bylaw for no significant purpose or reason. Visiting the Gardens is a family affair, and dogs formulate part of the family. Visiting the Gardens is an experience made better by spending time with friends and family and includes getting food and drinks at the cafe and other popular areas. Dogs should be under control and on a leash in these areas, and should not be permitted inside (current rules), but the proposal above would see me excluded from going to the cafe for some hot chips and a drink with friends, just because I have my dog with me. Excluding people from certain areas because they have a dog is not fair on responsible dog owners. A dog under control and on a leash should not pose any risk to others, so should not be excluded from areas such as the children's garden. The issue here really is that you're proposing a very heavy handed approach to the issue that dog owners do not have their dogs properly under control. Perhaps education and working with local vet clinics would be a better approach to ensuring the perceived safety of others and educating owners on what it means to have a dog under control on a leash.
4447	I support the proposed change		Clearer instruction is good. Dogs need to be kept out of the Puhinui stream, which will require a massive owner behavioral shift. Dogs loose in the stream is causing erosion, damage to plants, sitting of waterways and thus damage to fragile freshwater ecosystems. It needs to stop.
4455	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I walk my dog here weekly and have no issues and see and hear no issues. There is no need to change the current access. It's a great place for positive people and dog interaction and fitness

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4461	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Look how complex you are making it - the off leash area at all times provides a great dog exercise area at the lower end of the gardens in Summer and Winter. Restricting times makes it unsafe and inaccessible for most and reducing the area does not provide a sufficient area to actively walk/run with your dog off leash. Dogs of medium/large size especially do not get sufficient exercise with owners just walking on leash especially those that have medical conditions like myself with arthritis. Off leash areas creates happier dogs, encourages dog socialising and networking for dog owners. Reducing off leash areas will reduce dog exercising - running after a ball or stick, being dogs. Instead of being confined to a boring leash walk. I also suspect it may lead to more dogs escaping and taking themselves off for a walk - increasing a problem you already have with wandering dogs. Let's stop wasting tax payers money and time trying to fix something thing that is not broken - I imagine fulfilled by non dog owners. The government with their Covid lockdown created more dog owners, we should be creating more specific off leash areas, not reducing them.
4507	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The off leash area is one of the only larger parks in south Auckland where dogs are allowed off lead. It's a great way to exercise our dogs, allow them to socialise with other dogs. By reducing the space or limiting the off leash hours you're actively driving people away from the park. There are many people who have walked there dogs at the gardens for years who will no longer be able to and be forced to find somewhere else further away.

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4535	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We frequent the Auckland Botanic Gardens on a very regular basis, at least once a week with our own dogs and meeting up with other responsible dog owners. We walk the entire gardens and at times enjoy the off leash section. You have a choice whether you want to go to the off leash area and when there if you want your dog to remain on or off leash. But that is the key thing, you have a choice! We have never had any concerns during our walks. The gardens are unique in having the off leash area for the dogs to enjoy and it is in an area of the gardens that are just fields of grass only. If you were visiting the Botanic Gardens to see the lovely plants and landscaping, then this area would not be one you would want to visit anyway. If it weren't for the dog off leash area here, then I would think this area of the gardens would be pretty empty. You could improve the signage to make it clearer for all that this is an off leash dog area so if people don't want to be exposed to this they can avoid this area. The dogs love going into the streams nearby the off leash area, especially on hot summer's days to help them cool off. Why would you want dogs to be further restricted and overheat? The Botanic Gardens are known in dog circles for being a great safe place to take your dogs and there is no reason to restrict dogs access any further. They aren't causing problems as it is.
4619	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Our family (including children) enjoy the potters garden. And yes we have a little, well behaved, registered dog
4829	I support the proposed change		Supporting the proposed option provides the minimum needs to prevent further erosion of stream banks. The Puhinui Regeneration strategy was signed by Council with Iwi to protect and improve the water quality. Council contravene this agreement if they don't provide decent safeguards to prevent dogs entering the waterways. Signage already exists that clearly advises dog owners to keep dogs on lead and out of the water and this is ignored and consequently there is terrible erosion of the stream banks. The site should not have off leash and move to being an on leash dog only site.
4909	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	To restrictive

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4991	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Ban dogs completely.
5060	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The Auckland Botanic Gardens is a popular, staple area for dogs in South Auckland. Dogs should be allowed on-lead through the gardens, and the dog park should remain off-lead as it is. Sectioning it off, like many beaches have done, e.g. not allowed at the east end, is too difficult and unfair
5516	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The entire proposal is ridiculous because it's targeting the wrong people and a non-existent problem. The people who take their dogs to the Botanic Gardens (and similar parks) are responsible dog owners and there is no good reason to change the current policy in these areas. The real dog issues - namely, stray dogs and dog attacks - are happening in South Auckland OUTSIDE of parks, on the street, where useless owners (i.e., not the people being targeted by these proposed policy changes) allow their dogs to 'roam', often entire/un-neutered & on heat, creating more stray dogs, and attacking other dogs, pets, and humans. It baffles the mind why resources are being wasted on making life more difficult for already-responsible dog owners when these people (myself, friends, and family) and their dogs are not causing a significant problem.
5728	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I would like a dog swimming pond or something to be developed if dogs are going to be prohibited around and in all waterbodies. A place like the dog swimming pond in Waiatarua Reserve. I would like the area where dogs are around near the cafe to be expanded. It is such a popular dog friendly cafe that I would like dogs and their owners to have more space. I would like dogs to be allowed in cultivated garden areas on leash.
6461	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy works well with plenty of room for dogs to run off leash. There seems to be no clear reason behind this proposed change.

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6961	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	dogs need space to run and be exercised, the council id restricting this further and further. This lack of ability to socialize and properly exercise dogs is contributing to the issue with dogs in the community. This area is a large park that can be utilized for everyone including dog owners. This space is needed for dogs as there is no other spaces in the area for dogs to be freely exercised. There is already ALOT of space for people to walk and enjoy without dogs being off leash - there should be consideration given to dogs and their owners too. We too pay rates and fees for our dogs. This is a very used area due to the lack of other places to utilize. I also believe that dogs should continue to be allowed on lease in other parts of the park. families visit with pets and can't have them in vehicles. Focus should be on people controlling their dogs, not punishing Re: The waterways. Dogs need to cool down during summer- this is ideal. If to be restricted then create another option eg. large pond/pool in dog area.
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD			
84	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	If dogs are on leash and under control, why is there an issue with access. It should stay as is, you have to go through these areas to access dog off leash area.
100	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Rule 2b is too vague and open to interpretation in the future, does not safeguard access properly, and should not be adopted.
498	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No off leash area
677	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We already have limited areas where dogs can run around freely. Auckland needs to become MORE dog friendly not less. This is a huge step backward for Auckland and New Zealand and yet another reason why Auckland Council is the single worst government department in NZ and another reason why I would speak poorly of Auckland Council without even being asked. DO NOT DO THIS TO DOG OWNERS.
934	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We have frequented Auckland Botanic Gardens with our dog (on-leash) and it has always been a pleasant experience. We take him to the cafe after for a bite, and sit on the patio looking out to the gardens. The current settings would benefit all responsible dog owners.
1057	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Why can on leash dogs not go near water - how close? It is hard to enforce and confusing
2499	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	People get hungry, thirsty and need bathrooms and not everyone walking their dogs has someone who can hold on to them or watch them when they visit.

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2602	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The dogs love playing in the river on hot days. Many people enjoy having a quiet under-control dog with them when dining outdoors.
3864	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I'm most concerned about banning dogs from the stream. Dogs get hot when they are exercising, and they get thirsty. Swimming is excellent exercise, as well as enabling them to cool themselves down and rehydrate. While there are other bodies of water in the off leash parts of the botanic gardens, these often smell bad and are very muddy. They're also heavily planted with trees making it very difficult to supervise a dog if it goes in there. Banning dogs from the stream would greatly limit the enrichment dog owners in the area are able to provide for their dogs.
4076	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why change when there dose not seem to be any problems
4366	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not support reducing the areas where dogs are allowed. Limiting space will only cause more dogs to cluster in smaller areas, making it harder to manage them properly. Dogs need enough room to move freely, exercise, and socialize. Instead of restricting space, a better approach would be to focus on responsible ownership and clear guidelines to ensure all park users can enjoy the area.
4436	I don't know		I support limits to dog access in certain areas and the maintenance of a dog off leash zone. I do not support restricting dogs from the Puhinui stream.
4565	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I think all regional parks should have dogs prohibited at all times. Keep it simple and clear. The parks are not appropriate places for dogs.
5117	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current situation is great, the changes are unnecessary
5344	I support the proposed change		I agree with not allowing dogs in high traffic areas of the public with people less receptive of dogs, potential bites and allergies
5452	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
5494	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Allow on lead dogs to be on cafe and restaurant premises to encourage more people to visit local businesses
5573	I support the proposed change		Send fair. Would be nice to specify how, in advance of turning up, people will be able to find out if the area that is usually of leash is temporarily designated on leash or prohibited
6173	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are more homes being built in the area and probably more dog owners. It doesn't make sense to make the offer leash area smaller if there will be more users. Walkers without dogs have many choices where they can exercise yet dogs have limited places they can exercise off leash and the council are reducing these.

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6201	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The water is the reason we go there. Some dogs love the water and being in the stream is *why* we want to go. There's no reason to make the stream no-dog access. If you were worried about bank erosion, just build a ramp. Meet people halfway.
6563	I support the proposed change		Fair to all users of the park
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD			
123	I support the proposed change		I think this is a happy medium by still offering on leash options.
749	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	People visiting with pets during holidays should be able to take their dogs to regional parks under leash
1589	I support the proposed change		Seems to be just clarifying where dogs are allowed / not allowed. Makes sense to include times when events may warrant restrictions
1646	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	What reasons can Council give for the need of change. There is NO reason why a dog can't sit comfortably next to its owner at a cafe. If it barks then the cafe can ask the owner to go. Common sense is needed here. We already have dogs not allowed near childrens area or playgrounds. Why need more?
2178	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because I like to sit and have a coffee with my dog quietly under the table or by my side.
2240	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Remove prohibiting dogs from the streams and waterbodies - dogs need unlimited water to cool off and they are wonderfully entertaining for all!
2534	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have good control over my dog and consider the existing rules sufficient for my use.
2537	I support the proposed change		Due yo volume of people in these spaces I can agree with this approach
2558	I support the proposed change		Makes rules clearer
3367	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Need to retain an off- leash at all times area
3805	I support the proposed change		It is reasonable to expect fogs to be on leash.
3809	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As dogs need space to run and owners benefit from exercise
3834	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There's no waterways for human consumption. Dogs should be allowed.

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4307	I support the proposed change		But the wording is lengthy, and confusing especially around council specific dog days 2.a.
4602	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Rules for off leash too complex. Simplify with one simple rule: Dogs should not be allowed off leash at anytime, anywhere unless muzzled and licenced (if more than two dogs) a) so dogs can't do damage to local fauna and if they do b) damage can be traced through licensing system.
4821	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
5260	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island.
5432	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.
5440	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	We need more dog friendly places in Auckland not less. Support dogs being allowed on leash in restaurants
6578	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules effect everyone
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD			
83	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	2b means that once this is further developped there is no off leash area left.
129	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Cutting back a huge area that dog owners enjoy - no offence but public have plenty of other dog free spaces.
138	I support the proposed change		I support the change but it would require people to ensure that the people who flout the rules (because their dog is special) have some type of enforced fine etc.
735	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The originalal restrictions are plain and m7ch simpler.putting on more clauses will just make it hard for people to follow.

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892	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I think it is unfair to not allow the dogs into the stream. It is a necessary place for them to cool off during warmer weather or after a good play. It is also a space for enrichment for dogs, to lose this would be unfair to the individuals who cannot take their dogs to other bodies of water
925	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No dogs at all times
1140	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	My dog is well behaved and o want to be off leash. There is no sense on putting restrictions if control can be maintained
1363	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Your initial proposal is even more complicated and restrictive, why would you consider making it worse?
1390	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are already so many limitations on where you can exercise your dog which is just as important as walking. Walking is not fully exercising a dog as they need to have freedom to run and play. Off-leash activities for dogs are essential to the continued good health of the animals. Auckland Botanical Gardens have one of the only summer off leash areas available.
1828	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't see the benefit to the proposed changes as I believe if you can control your dog & be mindful of others (people & dogs), it won't be a problem.
1881	I don't know		I understand the logic of these restrictions, but again this is on the assumption that dogs will misbehave - more time and effort should go into making sure dogs are trained and licences for good-dog owners carry much more value, to then punish unlicensed owners in these areas.
2172	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	support changes with conditions that the following is updated to: Huakaiwaka Visitor centre (except when a dog is passing through the visitor centre under control on a leash) This is because people use visitor centre to entry the park with their pets. They should still have the ability to at least walk through the centre with their pets well under control.

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2723	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As a responsible dog owner, we love to enjoy a good nature walk with our lovely well behaved dog. Unfortunately ,there are less and less dogs allowed or safe place to walk my dog, not CBD,(not safe for human either), not shopping malls, not regional parks, not lot of reserves, then where can we walk? Auckland is an international inclusive city, and it's famous for it. If we can include all/none genders or LGBTQ human beings from all the world, we should do the same thing to dogs, our closest best friends
2733	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	When I visit the Botanical Gardens most if not all Dogs I see in the garden areas are well behaved as on the leash. For me, so long as the dog is on a short lead (not these elastic stretch ones that do not ensure owners are in full control) they should be allowed in all outdoor public areas except areas where children play.
2837	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The off-leash area is fine; the people without their animals under control are not the ones to follow the rules with regards to leash rules. Restricting dogs from areas such as a visitor centre seem like superfluous proposals, has there ever been an issue with a dog in these areas? If someone had to go into such an area with a dog for any sort of reason I would imagine they would have their dog either on a very short lead or carry it. The nursery is already off-limit to the public, what good is restricting dogs going to achieve other than just more wording without obviating any actual problems.
3976	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	dont make changes that don't need to be made
4146	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You should be allowing dogs everywhere, even if it's only on leash.
4289	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Dogs should be allowed on the cafe as long as there is an outdoor sitting area & will remain on-leash at all times.
5225	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	I think it's sad that the Council is restricting some more walking areas for dogs. It's like we are being penalized for the lack of care of a few dog owners. Auckland is today one of the most dog friendly NZ cities and am afraid that reputation is going to the dogs with this change in policy. I understand if we get stricter with leash rules, but creating more dog free areas is so disheartening. Every 3rd person in Auckland has a dog, how are we ok with inconveniencing so many people further? What's the point of the registration fees we pay every year if all we get is small patch of grass for our dogs to access?

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5258	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	That's extremely confusing rather than specific which will just lead to more accidental on the owner's part fines and unrest in the dog walking community.
6209	I support the proposed change		To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD			
514	I support the proposed change		It provides a safer environment and is less stressful, especially for children, those with disabilities, and the elderly.
2731	I support the proposed change		Stop the stress to both humans and animals in the high use areas, whilst still allowing dogs in the Gardens
2740	I support the proposed change		People go to the Botanical Garden to enjoy the flora. A lot of dog owners cannot not control their dogs when they are off-leash.
4404	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I would have dogs on leash in the northwestern area in (2) and the high use areas in (3).
4893	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed in all areas of the park including the cafe outside. Like all other restaurants and cafes in NZ. If they are on a lead. scrap all the restrictions. Families with children who want to go to a cafe or a playground or any other public place should be allowed to take their dogs if ON A LEASH.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD			
523	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
689	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The off-leash area is proposed to be shrunk by about half; I do not support this. It would be better to have a larger area but the southern boundary could be moved north a bit to move it further away from the rose gardens and magnolias. By squeezing dogs into a much smaller area you will have more incidents. Dogs need space to exercise, and the proposal does not fit with your supposed policy of keeping dogs a positive part of life and ensuring their welfare.
713	I support the proposed change		makes sense to me and better for all who use them
965	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park
1075	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	If dogs are under correct control then there is no need for change. Instead do something about those that don't
1089	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current off leash area is quite small in comparison to the size of the gardens and currently it is very quiet in the walkways along the stream and near totara park which could allow dogs to use the stream and more of this lower garden area as off leash. More and more of Auckland is becoming on leash only making exercising a dog difficult. The smaller an off leash area gets, the more trouble between dogs as they are all confined to a small area trying to wear off their energy.

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1168	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I think dogs should be allowed in all parts of the Bitanic gardens, on leash
1519	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	Dogs should be allowed on leash outside the cafe.
1576	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The places we can take our dogs for off-leash runs become less and less. Dedicated dog parks are not the answer as stress levels in our dogs tend to rise if they're exposed to too many dog encounters at the same time and with it tension and escalation. We avoid doc parks and beaches like the plague. It's not relaxing. It would be nice to be able to take our dogs for beach strolls where they can roam free and enjoy the sunset with their owners. Why punish everyone when most dogs fit into the community so well. It's understandable to limit dog access to protect wild life and flora of course.
1613	I support the proposed change		To enhance enjoyment of the gardens for all users while providing adequate space to exercise dogs
1833	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This park is a favourite among many dog owners. I have a golden retriever and go all the way out from west auckland to golide meet ups there. It's so so fun for the dogs to zoom around together. There are so few places that are suitable to this and it would be really sad to lose this off leash spot
2095	I don't know		Please see answer already provided under Section 2 which applies to all areas. It is the owners who allow their dogs to roam out of control that need to be policed/controlled. Activities should not be curtailed for the majority, who manage our animals well.
3455	I support the proposed change		very much a public place and I enjoy walking around the gardens without dogs around
3743	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have dogs and spend a lot of time in different parks. I have never experienced a problem with dogs in parks as their owners care for their dogs waning to socialise and exercise them. I am often more concerned with the pollution, damage and anti-social behaviour of people in parks . I have had many problems with dogs that are not being controlled, trained or cared for on the roads and in the community.
4044	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have had issues with individuals with off leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial.
4067	I support the proposed change		This park is a fabulous place to take dogs with a large off lead section. Please keep it as it is.

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4363	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	On leash dogs should be allowed at all outside areas, including outside seating at Cafe.
4767	I support the proposed change		Think there should be some dogfriendly cafe/restaurant area available
4934	I support the proposed change		Dog owners don't always pick up after their dog and may conviniently let run into the bush to do their business.
5137	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't think that the current policy causes any issues so why exclude or restrict the dogs?
5480	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	You need to trust the dog owners. Fine those that don't keen on leashe
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates I support leashed dogs. I went to the botanic gardens with my leashed dog recently and it was so refreshing to be able to go somewhere with my dog. We all had a great time. There are so few places dogs are allowed anymore. More restrictions are not needed.
5909	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	People with train dogs only let them off leash
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Expand the areas that dog owners can access with their companions.
6448	I don't know		It is important to maintain off lead areas for dogs
6724	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not think it should be changed. There is a great community of people who go there with their dogs, there are already so many restrictions around that area. Its a very special space to take your dog off leash
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122	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times	I think this is a clunky solution to irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off leash and don't have control/consistent recall of their dog, and don't well socialise their dog, and the proposed changes greatly affects all responsible dog owners. Unfortunately, I think there needs to be more 'legislation' around dog ownership (for example needing to pass a basic test to get a dog ownership license) and enforcement around irresponsible dog owners (non-registered dogs etc), as opposed to clunky restriction to public parks.
156	I support the proposed change		I think that the proposed changes are reasonable given the access rules for Auckland Botanic gardens. Particularly that there are still areas for off leash activities for dogs.

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454	I support the proposed change		Keep kids safe
784	I support the proposed change		I support this change if it does not reduce the off-leash area in size.
835	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules work fine and allow All users to enjoy the gardens
914	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There is no demand from anyone outside council for any changes to the dog bylaws. This is just council staff “creating work” where no work needs to be performed on this unnecessary “project!”.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1471	I support the proposed change		These are sensible changes.
1474	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	dog should still have access to the waterways permit dogs on-lead in prohibited areas
1684	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current situation works fine.
1910	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	we don't need further limitations for dogs.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	To much ***** keep it simple
2185	I don't know		It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	I support the proposed change		Safer
2625	I do not support the proposed change		It sounds like 2b means the Council can do what they like to the off leash area any time they choose without consultation. It's too vague to say 'further developed' and 'discretion of council's what's the point of this consultation then?
2989	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Taking dogs to the cafe area under leash should be allowed so that walkers can also enjoy these facilities with their dogs
3263	I support the proposed change		There are too many out of control dogs as is. Less will make it more pleasant for the rest of us and remove the danger of dogs. We get scared of them because they're often uncontrolled.

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3851	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	This park is not suited to off-leash dogs at all. It is too popular for dogs to be given freedom to run off leash. It's dangerous to young children, the elderly and any one with limited mobility. The dogs here can be threatening.
4318	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You're making it harder for dog owners to exercise their dogs.
4738	I support the proposed change		It is a myth that all Aucklanders enjoy being in the company of dogs and other people's pets. Some of us rate payers have had very negative experiences where we have been bitten, or our pets have had to be put down due to dog attacks. All dog owners seem to believe we don't mind having our crotches sniffed, having their dog approach and bark at us. Non dog lovers have rights to enjoy public places paid for by our rates and I don't understand why it has become so socially accepted for dog owners to expect to foist their pets on others. We need some spaces that are dog free.
4930	I support the proposed change		Dogs need to be controlled and on leads at all times
4942	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are not just pets, they are family members and a way of life. Limiting the access areas, times and off leash areas will dramatically impact the wellbeing of the dogs. Dogs need to be able to run free - this is important to their mental and physical wellbeing. In a society impacted by obesity why would the council make it more difficult for people to exercise with their dogs? Why in a society where we are wanting to get people out of their vehicles would you force people into cars so they can drive their dogs to outdoor areas to walk their dogs. Look around the world and you will see sophisticated societies increasing access to dogs not reducing. Do not impact the social interaction of the dogs, the exercise and fresh air opportunities of their owners. The botanical gardens need to be for all New Zealanders not just those without a dog as part of their family. The areas and hours they can be walked are already restricted enough. We should be increasing access not reducing.
5004	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Parks are public resources that should be accessible to all Aucklanders, including dog owners. The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect those who follow the rules while doing little to address the real issue of non-compliance. Rather than creating more restrictions, Auckland Council should focus on improving compliance with existing regulations through education, signage, and enforcement.
5027	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.

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5205	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Why can dogs not be allowed in the cafe areas? Why are you changing this to non dog friendly cafes? So this will mean anyone looking to get lunch will no longer be welcome if they have a dog with them. Shame Auckland Council!! Why???
5358	I support the proposed change		Because I am scared of dogs that
5366	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I regularly take my dog to the Botanica Gardens and it must be one of the busiest off leash parks in Auckland. The proposal is to halve the area for off leash access, with one concern being the deterioration of the stream banks. This part of the Puhinui stream is a miniscule part of the catchment and there are other far more detrimental activities occurring in the catchment (run-off from roads and industrial premises further down the catchment, including scouring from discharges, as well as long lengths of culverting). It is a gross exaggeration to claim dog access is 'severely damaging the waterway'. There is a lot of intensification in Auckland and large areas such as this, which provide for off leash access are important for the welfare of dogs that may be living in terrace housing or apartments with no outdoor space, not to mention the wellbeing of dog owners being able to access a pleasant green area with a variety of environments.
5618	I support the proposed change		Dogs should be allowed under leash on Cafe terrace and in gardens.
5624	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed in this part, They are part of NZ culture.
5638	I support the proposed change		Keeping dogs away from waterways makes sense. Many people are uncomfortable around dogs or very scared of them, so the more places that are dog-free, the better.
5964	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's ridiculous changing these rules dogs need space TO RUN! Exercise is so important for dogs! There is such a huge space in the gardens on the on leash area for people to enjoy! Don't take this away from the dogs! Think about there mental health, there over all health and well-being, joints etc! Why do we encourage humans to exercise but can't let dogs? I do not agree with this at all! Humans already don't follow rules biking in the zone but nobody is telling them off it's ridiculous! Leave the dogs be and come up with a new place perhaps a park ranger!
6353	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	You're limiting people's right to enjoy public spaces with their dogs. Off leash times can be regulated

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6445	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I like to bring my dog to the Park. I walk her on-leash here. I like to visit the cafe. I don't see why that needs to change.
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13	I support the proposed change		We need safe place to relax not in danger.
52	I support the proposed change		Makes Sense
460	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Where is the evidence to support this? Again punish the many for the actions of the few. Council is under resourced to manage those who break the rules so all other responsible dog owners are now paying. Please resource Animal Management so they can do their job.
728	I support the proposed change		It's safer for the kids to use the park, especially when there's no confined areas for kids/dogs where they can't be isolated from each other.
850	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are few off leash options as it is. What is the rationale for this proposed change?
1911	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Waterways provide a cooling off, and much enjoyment from the dogs, also an opportunity to drink
2343	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2372	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	If you are proposing limitations only to the off-lead areas in these parks, such as the areas of said regional parks, that I can understand that, provided it is sign written for those dog owners with fair amount of warning. For the likes of prohibited at the cafes or designated food areas, does this suggest that if we have just walked our dog and sit down for a coffee, we are unable to sit at a table outside with our dog on a lead? Again the established rules you are portraying here, are vague and not clear at all.
2403	I support the proposed change		All dogs should be on leads in the Gardens. It is completely weird that a place dedicated to the environment is used as a dog park. I have seen the terrible impact on the riverbanks of the Puhinui stream caused by dogs running up and down into the water. Bare roots, toppled trees and ongoing erosion. It is incompatible with the duties of the Gardens to preserve the plants and environment.
2455	I don't know		I think that dogs should be allowed when people are eating for convenience and profit for the cafe. I can't see why dogs should be prohibited from cultivated areas if they are on leash. That's illogical.

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3033	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	There are already extremely limited options for taking your dog on an off-leash walk in Auckland. It is not dog friendly, I have taken my 2 small well controlled dogs here many times, and never had any issues with other dogs, dog owners etc. Responsible owners are not an issue, changing the access only punishes responsible owners, the people causing issues will ignore whatever you do anyway. Reducing the hours would be acceptable as it's too hot to take your dog walking there between 10 and 5 in summer anyway.
3549	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be prohibited from all high use areas and on a leash at all times in any other areas.
3827	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are so few areas allowing off leash and therefore all of the family including 4 pawed to enjoy the gardens. These are well frequented off leash areas with a coffee or food enjoyed on the cafe balcony with family and friends. It appears these proposed changes are knee jerk reactions to a very few poorly behaved parties. Perhaps better to legislate the removal and ban of poorly behaved parties than penalise all.
4025	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Should be Allowed in Dogs are prohibited in the following high use areas on Lead, Most family have Dogs and are part of families
4157	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I feel it is a fair compromise to the other users of the park. As to the proposed amended policy rules. Way to wordy,
4281	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs on leash under controlled should not be restricted further as they pose no risk to the public or the gardens/environment. There just needs to be increased enforcement of off leash dog walkers who are not following the rules
4879	I support the proposed change		Personal safety!
4888	I support the proposed change		As noted previously
4923	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I regularly enjoy off-leash dog meet-ups in the gardens and the stream is a highlight. I understand there are challenges around maintaining the banks, but suggest that dog owners shouldn't be punished for this. I would like to see some investment in landscaping that means the area can continue to be used by dog owners. I am not in favour of increased restrictions, we are already restricted enough in places we can go with our dogs.

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5023	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I like the colours but the rest of the information is too confusing (there is too much of it). People will need to read everything and they won't. It needs to be clear and concise. I would keep the same information the same but highlight 'prohibited' in red and 'under control on a leash' in orange as the new suggestion. I will copy this feedback for the rest of the parks as I've had a read through all the parks and changes and I share this sentiment for all parks.
6077	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs don't really damage the environment, people do. Trampling by people under trees and in waterways creates more negative effects than dogs do.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD			
474	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rules are perfect
627	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Absolutely not required and illegal activity on behalf of governmental officials as you don't have public support for this
903	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
1222	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Same reason as above
1765	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The water ways are a special place for the dogs to cool off in summer months, provides a safe place to build confidence/desensitizing around water and limiting this would be a huge loss to all those who rely on this area
1806	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Too restrictive for dog owners
1816	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I think the space is a good area and the park is so big why cute more space of the dogs
1914	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I like the new format, I don't like the restriction of dog access. This park is beautiful and shady for our dogs it's been hard to find good open off leash areas that are shady for my dog to run free on.
2102	I do not support the proposed change		Responsible dog owners should be allowed outdoor access when dining and all areas of the gardens, on leash. Not enough dog friendly, outdoor areas for responsible owners. Can't take a dog to only parts of the gardens when making a special visit to enjoy all on offer.

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2183	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2584	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why are you over complicating a botanic garden access? Would you allow access to people that behave badly and cause issues to other people? Apply the same rule. The council or people walking should have the right to call police if a dog causes disruption. It's not by restricting access to all dogs that you solve the issue.
2652	I don't know		Not clear where those areas are (which whilst you are walking on an occasional visit you likely will not know). You have to allow people to be able to the cafe and the car parks - so as long as you can navigate the park and are not blocked by prohibited areas - AND that all the areas are very clearly marked it could work. But be careful not to force a lot of dogs into a smaller area - that brings danger to dog owners too.
3175	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am particularly concerned about Auckland Botanic Gardens. It is great that we can take our dogs and walk around the gardens unhindered. I do hope this remains the same and also the off leash area is also maintained. I do hope you will keep this process transparent and that we get to also have input in any potential changes before finalising decisions.
3205	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I take my dog daily to the Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens 98% of dogs/owners are excellent Please leave us an area where dogs can be off leash and especially enjoy a swim too I understand the need to preserve the streams, so why not build a pool for the dogs We do pay our registration fees for a reason (I would even be willing to pay an extra charge to access swim / off leash area)

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3888	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are generally working well. Vast majority of dogs who are brought to the gardens are well trained and socialised. Rule changes won't stop bad/ill mannered owners and dogs from going to areas that they are not supposed to go but it will punish good owners. We already don't have beaches in the area for dogs to swim, so stopping them from swimming in streams will leave us with nowhere to take dogs for swimming on hot days. Also, how are you realistically going to enforce no swimming rules?
3943	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	We often walk our dog in the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Having adequate areas for dogs is really important. Making it difficult for dog owners leads to less socialisation of dogs which results in anti-social behaviours in residential areas. The council should make more dog exercise area available. The plan should (1) continue to permit dogs in the river near the off leash area. Many dogs thrive on water play. There is not a lot available in our area. The beach is too far away (2) extend the off leash area to the bush track. Many people already use this area this way. Have a place for kids, dogs and family to walk together in the bush would be a valuable asset to our neighbourhood.
3971	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	no change is needed in my opinion.
4150	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	This area has been gifted to Auckland's and placing further restrictions to where people can socialise, train or exercise their dogs is unnecessary. The area proposed closer to the motorway is too muddy to access during winter. If you actually made this area pleasant to walk dogs and built an area that dogs could swim in would stop us having to use the stream elsewhere. We pay a fortune every year for dog registrations and what do we get for it?
4476	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We need more doggy exercise areas. It will may it too restrictive for dog owners to exercise their dogs. We need more space, not less!
4489	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. Surely AC have bigger priorities.

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4499			Unfortunately your feedback form is quite restrictive in what a submitter can say so I am having to do it this way. Problems in the Gardens regarding dogs: As an 80 yr old who has been walking his dog(s) in the Gardens for 25 yrs I feel a lot of the problems relate to signage or the lack thereof. The signs provided by the Gardens at entrance ways are usually obscured by foliage and are no way near the standards used by the Council in other parks regarding dog access. I have lost count of the numbers of times friends and I have been told by visitors to put our dogs on leads when we are walking in off leash areas. That all occurs because people are not aware of where they are walking. The riding of bikes in the Gardens is prohibited yet no one takes any notice and we never see anyone enforcing that rule so how are you going to police the new access rules? By denying dogs access to ALL waterways in the Gardens, what is the plan for providing dog water stations as per Council By Laws? If dogs are going to be banned from all waterways how is this going to be enforced? Perhaps you can use the Gardens staff, how long are they going to put up with being abused? You could use AM but do they have enough staff to patrol the Gardens every day? What happens at 6.00am and after 4.00pm when the Gardens are closed?
4818	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	New Zealand doesn't seem to be particularly dog-friendly and appears to lag behind other countries in this regard. Dogs are cherished members of the family, yet the increasing restrictions on accessing regional parks mean that many people are missing out on opportunities to enjoy these spaces with their pets. Dog owners pay registration fees, and homeowners contribute through rates. Shouldn't they be allowed to spend quality time with their furry family members in these public places?
5103	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This change is not supported by any of the local community. The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners

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5330	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Their are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
5436	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As a South Auckland Manurewa resident, the Auckland Botanical Gardens proposed reduction is the proposal that affects my family the most. I do not agree with reduction of on leash and off leash spaces, nor the prohibiting dogs from swimming in the Puhinui Stream. Our dog was adopted from the Henderson Pound during covid and lacked some early socialisation, so when we first got her, she was a bit nervous. We love the Botanic Gardens - in the on-leash section, we can walk our dog safely without worrying about off leash dogs – we've never had any issues in the on-leash area of the gardens as rules are (for the most part) strictly adhered to. And we enjoy the off-leash area when it is quiet. The Puhinui stream provides invaluable mental and physical enrichment for our dog and reprieve from the heat of the summer's day. Dogs do no significant damage to the small section of the stream they can access, and it would be an incredible shame to be banned from accessing that as well! (I witness an equal number of children swimming in the stream area by the ***** in the summer as well.) First and foremost, Council and Government need to put their focus onto a major dog (and cat) desexing initiative. We must stop the excessive breeding of dogs that ultimately end up chained up in backyards or end up in shelters. Doing anything else is just an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff stuff. I understand some of the basis for this change proposal is due to concerns for public safety. However, families have a massive number of outdoor spaces to enjoy already where dogs are prohibited. A council article** dated July 2024 highlighted ten
5514	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Why change a perfectly working policy in place. New Zealand, you're better than this. Why let uncultured members of society dictate change when it is not needed. Please grow up. Rest of the world has moved on from so many restrictions. Let us enjoy Auckland Botanic Garden as it is now!

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5531	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	see attachment summary of attachment: Disagreement with Proposals: The author strongly disagrees with prohibiting dogs from cultivated garden areas and reducing the off-leash area. Personal Experience: The author has lived in Hill Park since 1988 and appreciates the Gardens’ development and the ability to exercise their dog in both on-leash and off-leash areas. Concerns about Risks: The author questions the evidence and specifics of the risks mentioned in the proposals, such as risks to people and children in off-leash areas. Health and Social Benefits: Emphasizes the mental and physical health benefits of owning a pet and the social opportunities provided by walking dogs in the Gardens. Alternative Suggestions: Suggests time exclusions for dogs during busy periods instead of a total prohibition and questions the necessity of reducing the off-leash area if the Gardens Master Plan is long-term. Clarification Needed: Seek clarification on the definition of “high-use areas” and

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5540			Auckland Botanic Gardens (Regional Park) and Totara Park (in Manurewa Local Board area). I have a dog and live adjacent to both Totara Park (which doesn't seem to feature at all on your form) and the Auckland Botanic Gardens, and I walk in one or the other park or both every day. The current rules are suitable but the signage in Totara Park needs updating to ensure people understand where exactly their animal can be off-leash. There is a lot of non-compliance in this regard including by people who would otherwise consider themselves law-abiding citizens. The picnic area between the carpark at 90R Wairere Road, Beaufords and Totara Park swimming pool is a high non-compliance area as is the walkway from this carpark down to the dog off-leash area where the Ellerslie Flower Show used to be held and many of the forest tracks. For the behaviours in Point 3 to improve we need to see Council enforcement officers in the Parks regularly, talking to owners and reminding them of their responsibilities. This needs to be followed up with enforcement if there are repeat offenders. Visits by staff need to fit with high use times, ie 7am-9.30am and 3pm-6pm weekdays and more varied times at weekends. Now that Totara Park farm has no animals there could be changes to open up some off-leash dog areas in these red-leaved areas.
6058	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Auckland must become a more pet friendly place, like big cities in the world, this will increase the economy around pets and more visitors to public places
6178	I support the proposed change		It makes it easier to understand where you can have your dog.
6544	I do not support the proposed change	Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)	I do not support the restriction of dogs to smaller and smaller areas. Further restrictions will only lead to further rule breaking, further issues due dogs and humans being forced to share smaller areas and greater conflict and accidents.
6594	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Appropriate dog exercise areas in the vicinity are non existent. By limiting this further it restricts families and their pets from enjoying a lovely outing together. It serves no point as all dogs in this park are either on a leash or under control. Keep it that way so families and dog owners can enjoy a wonderful outing for which their rates are paying.

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6871	I support the proposed change		Supporting the proposed option provides the minimum need to prevent further erosion of stream banks. The Puhinui Regeneration strategy was signed by Council with Iwi to protect and improve the water quality. Auckland Council contravene this agreement if they don't provide decent safeguards to prevent dogs entering the waterways. Signage already exists that clearly advises dog owners to keep dogs on the lead and out of the water, and this is ignored and consequently there is terrible erosion of the stream banks. The site should not have off leash and move to being an on-leash dog only site. However, the signage already clearly advises dog owners to keep dogs on the lead and out of the stream.
7261	I do not support the proposed change	No change to the dog access rules	PARKS: I am very against the restricting of offlead areas in the Auckland Botanic Gardens and in Clevedon Showgrounds. Dogs, especially young and high energy dogs, cannot be exercised adequately on lead. They also cannot play with other dogs which is important for their wellbeing. The NZ Veterinary Association states that dogs are "sentient beings". That is, they experience many emotions that we do. This includes the enjoyment of socialisation with their own kind. In addition, very many dogs have been keep confined in a house or run all day while the owners are at work. They therefore require adequate exercise in the form of off lead playtime to prevent frustration. My opinion on these 2 areas is that the status quo should remain.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND			
57	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We have to drive nearly an hour to this park as there are not enough off-leash areas already. There is never an overwhelming amount of dogs to feel threatened by. Dogs need somewhere to exercise during the day if you live in the city and cant get to the beach in off peak hours in summer.

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5410	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are not a problem on leash in the proposed 'prohibited' areas. Dogs are part of people's family, and we should expand areas we can take our dogs, not further restrict them. Poorly behaved and out of control animals can be dealt with using current dog control laws, this change is restrictive and unnecessary.
5426	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (!) these are big changes that do not meet the criteria of the Dog Policy 2019. Much of what has been suggested as 'findings' is merely a statement of what is happening already, and in many cases completely wrong interpretation of councils own survey. Most of what has been cited as 'structural change' and 'significant risk' are in fact minor changes, if any, or low-impact issues (by councils own findings). The way the policy works is that Council and Dog Management are supposed to manage the low impact issues from irresponsible dog owners through better education and direct intervention, not massive changes to access. The policy is NOT designed to enable mass changes to dog access without significant reasons and due consideration to alternatives and/ or providing other places – neither of which are present in the proposal. In short, these are 'issues' that could and should be managed with a few good signs and better management of irresponsible dog owners, not sweeping dog access changes for the vast majority of responsible dog owners!