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This bylaw would be extremely damaging to the livelyhood of well-educated dog trainers & pack walkers. This would stop dogs being able to be taken out by their pack walkers who are well educated.

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The issue here is, more dogs will be left at home - under socialised, under stimulated & no ongoing training support/up-keep. Meaning more escaping/roaming dogs, barking complaints & potential attacks due to lack of upkeep from owners. This means the animal management team will be stretched even more thin than they already are, creating more pressure.

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It is a time to tighten the rules for health and safety purpose ... apart from possible dogs attack, most owners do not pick up the poops which is very unfair to others who would like to enjoy the walks.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

The issues Auckland is facing around dog ownership in public isn't a numbers issue. It's a education and handler issue.

Many amazing pack walkers also own 8 plus dogs. If the new rule comes in, these guys can't taking clients dogs, and their own out in one day. Meaning dogs miss out. These are the same people who have extra dogs for rescues as fosters. Who will no longer help adding to the over run off homeless dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

ALL polices should be clear

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

Support

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Too inflexible. For some walkers it might be totally fine to have more than 6 dogs. Others 6 may be too many. Same with differences in locations. Rules don't recognise nuance of situation

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Without knowing the definition of menacing, generally support this idea.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

How many is multiple? People should be able to own at least 3 dogs without restriction provided they are a responsible dog owner.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Is it too broad to make one rule for multiple locations?

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Current rules are perfect

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

The proposal does not make it clear if the new rules are more permissive or prohibitive than the current position. I would support more permissive, not more prohibitive

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Location 1:

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

Any location

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Tell us why

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

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

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

More off leash areas would be great

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

#622

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

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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I support the proposed change

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spring

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Hibiscus and Bays

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

Tell us why

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

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

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

Have witnessed dogs chasing sea birds on many occasions

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

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Do not support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

Arbitrary limits on numbers being walked and allowed off leash will not solve the issue of some walkers having out of control dogs which have the potential to cause harm to each other, stock, or the public. Many times some professional walkers who only have 4 or 6 completely out of control dogs, are harassing and nipping livestock, rushing other dogs etc. Arbitrary limits on numbers will not affect them and will allow them continue their bad practices.

The issue is commonly that the walker cannot be identified, and they have dogs which are not under control whether they be on or off leash. Obviously the potential for harm increases when the dogs are off leash, but the harm is not eradicated because the dogs are on leash or because there are less of them.

The councils own data reflects just 0.57% of complaints are about multiple dogs.

To effectively address the core issue of some rotten eggs operating carelessly or ignorantly, individual assessments carried out by the PDWA under the authority of the Auckland council would be much more effective. These licences would cover whether that person can have a licence and if so, how many dogs that walker can walk, how many can be off leash at a time, and establish the walkers agreement with the PDWA code of conduct and complaints procedure.

Those licences will be in the form of a badge ID - similar to a security guards ‘certificate of approval’ - these must be worn and visible at all times while walking and will have the walkers personal ID number on it. This way, if there is an issue the walker concerned can be more readily identified.

Upon receipt of any complaints along with any evidence, the PDWA can conduct an investigation and provide training. If issues are on going or severe, the licence can be amended or revoked as required.

Where a business with staff is concerned, there will be a ‘staff licence’ for that business to operate and the operations of staff affect the staff licence. Likewise, repeat offences will result in amendments or revocation of the staff licence. Many large businesses operate in a manner where minimal or insufficient training is provided to their staff, combined with a high staff turnover. There needs to be consequences for the business itself to hold them to higher standards. A very public incident in 2024 where a staff member was walking a pack (without the business owner) and the pack killed a member of the public’s dog. That business is still operating and has been doing so recklessly for years leading up to that and continues to do so. The individuals who make up the PDWA committee tried to alter

her practices a long time ago but were ignored as they did not have any real authority to. Regulating the industry is a chance to meaningfully change this so these people can be stopped and the walking industry can operate

safely.

This will effectively address the issue of the cowboys operating without any recourse or consequence. Individual assessments and licensing is the answer, as opposed to arbitrary number limits which will only push the skilled professionals out of the industry and leave the cowboys.

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#627

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

Restriction of community freedom without consent

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Regulation changes override public consent and community freedom of movement

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Absolutely not required and illegal activity on behalf of governmental officials as you don't have public support for this

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

I own 12 dogs myself as personal pets and to think I couldn't walk my own family of dogs daily and only walk half of them so be forced to go on two walks everyday and not only that but have half on lead every time is crazy. This does not address the issue whatsoever maybe look at regulating pack walkers and only allowing certain peoppe with specific qualifications and training to be pack walkers

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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

#746

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

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

All RPs

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Tell us why

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

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

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

#903

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

Council is overreaching! Dogs need to be under control! It's already stipulated.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Owners should be held responsible if they can't control their dog. Dangerous dogs wear a muzzle in public.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

How many is multiple. 2 dogs should be allowed.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

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.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Other (please explain below)

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Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Other (please explain below)

Mahurangi East

Other (please explain below)

Mahurangi Scott Point

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

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Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

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

Change general rules

What local board area is this location in?

Rodney

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

Tell us why

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

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify: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.

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

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Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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Women are often restricted in being able to walk alone and regional

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

#916

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

There are some incredible pack walkers out there, who have undergone necessary training to ensure the safety of their dogs and others at the parks. The thought of these walkers loosing business and the dog owners who work full time jobs being unable to find new walkers is concerning. There should be regulations to ensure walkers are registered and can be liable / traceable for issues when they arise however I think the tragedies you read about in the news are a vast minority and should not ruin it for everyone else.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#1038

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe professional dog walkers should be able to walk whole packs on or off lead providing they can prove they can work with a large pack and keep them all under control. I propose some form of dog walker license be created that dog walkers can get and carry with them. Have a test they can take to earn this license. The rule changes work for individuals walking their pets but not really for professional dog walkers and trainers.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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

#1222

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Tell us why

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are an essential part of our lives and we want to be able to take them with us. Most dogs are totally fine and I don't think it's fair that complaints about a few dogs that their owners failed to train properly, cause a these restrictions for everyone!

Auckland is already one of the most pet-unfriendly cities. Your proposed changes would make it worse and take away part of our quality of life! And our dogs' for that matter!

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Same reason as above

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I do not support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

#1243

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Support

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

I think breeders should require a license, but others should be able to have multiple dogs or more as long as they are neutered and well looked after. Don't make it harder for rescues.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need to be exercised somewhere and there is enough space for everyone on that beach.

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#1340

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe given the remoteness of the beach dogs should be allowed off leash if under control on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach). There are very few places in the area that dog owners can responsibly walk their dogs on the beach this

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Location 1:

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

Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach)

What local board area is this location in?

Rodney

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

Tell us why

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

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

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

Very few areas around for off leash beach access for dogs

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

Very few areas around for off leash beach access for dogs. This is the ideal beach to undertake this exercise

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

#1765

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs
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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
Support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Keeping an eye on that many dogs would be a challenge so any more would be unsafe

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

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

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

The 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

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It will limit the routes that people can take and will impede our ability to enjoy nature with our pets

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs being on a leash is already a requirement so those who would be making the area unsafe will not listen to this rule and those that do are being punished

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us more areas to walk our pets

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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Location 1:

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

Auckland Botanical gardens

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

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

Tell us why

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

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

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

Let people have their well behaving pets off leash

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

Give people a chance to have well behaving dogs off leash

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

#1806

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Support

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

I don’t think neutering solves the issue. Confiscation of animal is needed to be followed strictly.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

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

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Too restrictive for dog owners

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Too draconian for dog owners and dogs

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

One of the last true dog friendly areas. Stop cutting our areas.

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Create more large dog off leash areas

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

#1816

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We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
Support
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

A several people without financial means have dogs that are not neutered and start to breed with other dogs and in the end they all grow up and are left loose on the streets.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

I think the space is a good area and the park is so big why cute more space of the dogs

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Poor dogs if you guys exclude them in every place, whats the problem if I want to spend the day with my family and friends at the beach and bring my dog too

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#1875

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Ambury Regional Park

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear council

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Why Dogs in Parks Matter:

1. Health and Well-being:

Dogs are not only wonderful companions, but studies have shown that walking with dogs encourages more physical activity, which can help combat the rising rates of sedentary lifestyles and chronic diseases. These outings promote better mental health, lower stress levels, and a deeper connection to nature—benefits that extend to the whole family.

2. Economic Impact: Dogs help generate revenue for our parks. Local businesses benefit from dog owners spending on pet-related products, pet services, and park fees. Tourism also sees a positive impact as people often choose destinations where they can bring their dogs, boosting the local economy and increasing the sense of community.

3. Social Responsibility: Responsible dog ownership is a core part of being a good community member. Many dog owners are highly committed to respecting public

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4. Environmental Stewardship:Dogs, when properly supervised, play an important role in protecting our parks by discouraging littering and trespassing on restricted areas. Many park visitors with dogs also become passionate advocates for environmental sustainability, organizing clean-up events or supporting preservation efforts.

Why a Ban Is Not the Solution:

Rather than a blanket ban on dogs, we should focus on solutions that balance public safety, environmental concerns, and accessibility. Creating designated dog-friendly zones, increasing awareness of responsible dog ownership, and ensuring enforcement of leash laws would foster a harmonious environment for all. Moreover, many parks and beaches already have rules in place that mitigate the risks associated with dogs, such as leash requirements and waste bag stations. These measures help keep the parks clean and safe, allowing everyone to enjoy the space.

A Better Future Together:

Our parks, beaches, and public spaces are community assets, and they should be inclusive of everyone who loves and respects these environments—dogs included. By fostering positive relationships between dog owners and non-dog owners, we ensure that these public areas remain accessible, welcoming, and well-maintained for generations to come.

Please reconsider any proposals to ban dogs from our regional parks, beaches, and parks. Instead, let’s work together to create spaces where both pets and people can thrive.

Sincerely,

One of Many Pet Owners

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear council

I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, including responsible dog owners, who are an integral

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear council

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Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear council

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Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Dear council

I do NOT support the current or proposed change.

I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, inc

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear council

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Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Dear council

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

#1914

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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

Support

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

Tell us why

There needs to be a limit for safety and control over leashed dogs. A weight limit may be more appropriate though, there's a difference between 6 newfoundlands and 6 chihuahuas on leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

If this rule has been unclear until this point the date of change should be taken into account for enforcement of it.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Support

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

I want to know what they are updated from and to before submitting support. I support more access for dogs, I do not support less access for dogs.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

I support more access for dogs and do not support less access for dogs.

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The new change is clearer of current rules.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don't support the reduction of dog access.

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is one of the only beaches I can take my dog to during the day. He loves swimming as it cools him down when the summer is hot. As a dog owner I too would like to enjoy Auckland beaches during the heat of the day.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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I do not support the proposed change

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I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t support the reduction of dog access

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is more clear.

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t support the reduction of dog access

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t support the reduction of dog access

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It’s not reducing access

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It’s more clear

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t support the reduction of dog access

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t support the reduction of dog access

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It’s more clear

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

More access for dogs is good

I think there should be more access for dogs and dog access should be normalised. Heavily restricting dog access makes it difficult and complicated as a dog owner to enjoy the Auckland parks and recreation facilities. Nor does it actually address the issu

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

#1926

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

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

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#2054

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#2102

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

I don't know

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

Tell us why

Something clearly needs to be done regarding the many dog attacks happening. Unfortunately, the people that are responsible for dogs attacks either aren't interested, are not registered and the dogs are left to roam by themselves. The problem with off leash dogs or owners that have no control of their dogs is that the owner might think their dog is fine but when it rushes to another dog on a lead this causes stress and anxiety for responsible dog owners walking their dog on lead. It doesn't matter if 6 dogs are on the lead and 3 off the lead if the owner has no control of any of them.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

Council information is very difficult to follow. I'd like to know when cat owners will be held accountable and see nothing on the website or hear about any changes regarding cat owners, despite having our say? When will our wildlife be protected from cats prowling and when will cat owners be held accountable for their cats peeing on outdoor furniture and pooing on our sections. Many times I have had to take injured birds to bird rescue or dispose of dead birds on my property. We have many Tui, doves, thrush, blackbirds etc and too many cats in the neighbourhood killing them all. Cat owners need to be more responsible and should also have to register them, just as dog owners do!

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

Support

Tell us why

Doesn't matter what rules are applied as there will always be a group that won't comply with rules. Just makes it clearer for the responsible dog owners.

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Once again certain people won’t comply, regardless of the rules.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Would be good to know which campground allow dogs.

Everyone needs clear guidelines and information regarding leaving dogs in hot cars in summer and walking on hot footpaths. Would think this would be common sense but apparently not as see too much of this happening!

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Need current and up to date information.

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Common sense. Why have outdated bylaws and information?

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

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

Introduce cat registration, rules and accountability for cat owners. Why only dogs?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

Tell us why

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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Once again option should be allowed for dogs on leash. Except where there is wildlife breeding or roaming.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

I don't know

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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I don’t know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

The impact this will have on animal support workers, businesses and public animal control optics will have a negative impact on the dog owner community. There are a multitude of reasons why people may need to have more dogs walked simultaneously and stopping this from happening is not fixing the issue of animal control but rather encouraging negative bias to rise and reduce the ability to properly and fairly care for animals in a persons control. It will cause an increase in animal neglect with restrictions needed to be introduced with small NZ business owners in this industry, negatively impacting their financial viability and encouraging neglect in owners if daytime care is unavailable due to these restrictions.

Very disappointing to hear this is being considered as the option where a simple training and certification process could be developed in its place.

It’s not hard to solve issues if you want to actually resolve them, this seems to be a lazy option to quieten a few loud voices but doesn’t actually solve the systemic issue.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Simplify and clarify is subjective. This must be done without changing policy through rewording. It needs to be extremely clear and filtered through multiple focus groups consisting largely of dog owners or animal support workers to give a fair review.

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

Support

Tell us why

I would only support this if the dog was known to roam due to owner neglect.

Rather than attacking the dog, why are we not working on a more comprehensive dog ownership policy.

Dogs are sentient beings - they have bad days too. Menacing is also subjective- there would need to be extremely clear definitions of menacing to protect respectful dog owners and their pets against biased individuals and should only be conducted on the recommendation by a vet after a full assessment.

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

Support

Tell us why

This would need to be strict, those registered would need consistent refresher training and individual behaviour assessment to ensure they aren't falsifying their assessment to harm animals. There would also need to be a review period with the owners to allow time to seek behavioural development for their dog before the procedure could take place and a final assessment given from another registered staff member to avoid bias.

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

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

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Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

This needs to take into consideration tāngata whenua dog owners- this isn't about equality but equity. A lot of our tāngata Māori live with the harrowing effects of colonisation of which can show in individuals through mental health imbalances. Dog ownership or just the simple act of animal interaction is scientifically proven to counter negative side effects of mental imbalances. This is not as simple as stopping our animal partners from walking in historic places. Again, solving the problem starts with the owners, not the dogs.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

I don't know

Tell us why

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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.

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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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.

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By prohibiting dogs from the beach you are taking away rights of their owners as well to share in the space. Stop excluding them - it's wrong and mean and doesn't solve any issues.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

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I do not support the proposed change

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Muriwai Regional Park

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Pākiri Regional Park

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

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Shakespear Regional Park

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

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

Cheltenham beach

What local board area is this location in?

Devonport-Takapuna

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

Tell us why

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

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

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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Location 2:

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

Auckland Domain

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

Tell us why

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

Entire location

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

Entire location

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Location 3:

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

What local board area is this location in?

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

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

Tell us why

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

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Stop restricting dog use. Human nature is far more harmful than our furry friends. Majority of dog owners with registered dogs are responsible for their pets and should be encouraged to continue their diligence in caring for them including their behaviour

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

#2235

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

Tell us why

But feel the ofleash dogs should be muzzled as the walker would have no ability to respond in an incident as they have 3 other dogs to also control.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

The policy should be clear about how it defines off leash dog and what it means by under control.

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

Support

Tell us why

All dogs classified as menacing must be muzzled when not within the confineds of a secured property.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Dog access rules should be clarified, in my view an offleash dog in an urban environment should be muzzled. It would make it much easier for animal control agents to respond. If a dog was spotted wandering and not muzzled it could be quickly contained,

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

Support

Tell us why

Dog licensing should dictate further information on classification working dog. A true working dog is typically well trained and not found roaming public spaces.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

I strongly support that dogs in urban environments such as city streets must be muzzled or on leash, no exceptions with finds issued for any breach. This is easy to asses and enforce.

The bylaw could provide offleash and off muzzle clarity for parks or beachs. But within the road reserve a dog must always be on lead or muzzled.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Please define beter what under control means and how this is defined, as typically this is only defined post incidents.

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#2250

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

Do not support

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

Tell us why

A lot of dog walkers who do pack walks are in control of the dogs and the new law would put many dog walkers and carers out of business.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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#2282

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

#2423

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Maximum 2 dogs per person. Beyond that some breeds of dogs are difficult to control

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Certain breeds of dogs that have commonly attacked humans should be banned from being bred in NZ, i.e. where a breed on average has harmed more than 10 people p.a.

Certainly any breed that has killed a human should be banned in New Zealand.

Too many undesirable people are using certain types of dogs to menace people. This needs to be stopped.

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

Support

Tell us why

Anybody with a criminal conviction should be banned from owning a menacing dog and certain breeds of dogs that are known to typically menace people.

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

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Introduce fines of $1,000 if a person does not pick up dog faeces. If the same person if convicted three times then ban them from owing a dog or dog walking.

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

#2519

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#2584

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

I pay an exorbitant amount of money to have a dog in this Auckland when compared to other parts of the world and you use this money to continue to stop access to dogs! STOP! Use this money to improve life of families with dogs.l and educate owners that you believe cause issues. Have a ranger inspect these parks instead of putting so much unnecessary stress to families with dogs. This is discrimination! Find a better way and stop wasting tax money for all this nonsense to simply make your administration easier! It’s disgraceful!

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

Do not support

Tell us why

A menace dog owner must be educated! This is all you can do! Instead of using money for this nonsense, use this money to enforce mandatory training for specific breeds that you believe may cause issues!

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Stop trying to control everything. Provide the required support for owners instead! If dogs misbehave or are treated badly it’s your responsibility to act as required. You cannot make every single owner pay the mistakes of your poor administration!

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Stop trying to control everything. Provide the required support for owners instead! If dogs misbehave or are treated badly it's your responsibility to act as required. You cannot make every single owner pay the mistakes of your poor administration!

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

You are not clarifying those rules. You are over complicating these rules and create more confusion. I have the right to take my dog with me when I want and need. I should apply one rule for any location I go to. I should not have to check every single time and then have to spend an hour to simply plan when and how I can take my dog with me. If my dog is well behaved enough to be in a household and considered a pet then the assumption should be that whatever I am my dog should be allowed in the same way I am. You are discriminating against me simply because I have decided to adopt a dog! This is unfair and against my human rights!

Stop spending tax money like this and target dog owners that need to be educated!

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

Do not support

Tell us why

You are not clarifying rules. You are restricting more access and causing more confusion. Redraft the changes.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

You are not clarifying rules. You are restricting more access and causing more confusion. Redraft the changes.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

You are not removing outdated information or clarifying rules. You are restricting more access and causing more confusion. Redraft the changes.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

You are not removing outdated or duplicated rules. You are restricting more access and causing more confusion. Redraft the changes.

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

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

Stop wasting tax money with this nonsense. Provide educational support for dog owners that you believe are causing the problems for all. It's your administration responsibility and the reason as to why we pay the dog licence!

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

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

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Why 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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Does not change anything. Not sure why you need to spend money to use more words for saying the same thing. It’s written everywhere the dogs are not allowed in the tawharanui park. Yet people still does and you don’t control this. This is the issue!

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It doesn’t change anything. Spend the money to check instead

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

#2652

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Support

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

Tell us why

Having 3 on a lead means they have more control. It is intimidating to meet 6 off leash dogs with a single dog walker when walking ones own dog.

This gives a balance - 6 dogs is should be enough to make dog walking viable -- though very hard to enforce. It also is really dependent on the dogs so 6 well behaved dogs playing is not an issue. Maybe what is needed is dog walkers to pass council certification - nothing too onerous but at least be 'responsible' dog owners.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

It should show why you are making a change.

Focus should balance the possible impact by dogs with owners.

Some of the reasons given appear to ignore the fact that people even without dogs create a disturbance for wildlife (I've witnessed young children chasing wildlife, people playing football/volleyball, or engaging in other noisy activities) - whilst a dog on leash with a complying owner is likely to pass through an area more quietly than people who may be more static in an impacted area. So goals are good but might open up the question why allow people in those areas at all - or are dogs just an easy target?

Overall: This Ask was not very well presented. Seems a lot of the information is scattered across multiple documents making this much harder to assess for the public.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Could not find reference to check who would do behavioral assessments. Seems a lot of the information is scattered across multiple documents making this much harder.

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

Current rules requiring over 2 dogs to need a license seem reasonable (absent working dogs).

Consider adding owning 2+ cats - as they damage wildlife (quietly) at a very high rate - it's just not as obvious as with a dog.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Yes this should be clarified - without a clear reason and goal no on can challenge them.

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

After a couple of years knowing that the rules applied pretty much everywhere, the changes seem to make it more complicated again.

Makes it easier to have a dog if you don't have to check what applies where, every time they leave the house to go somewhere new for a walk!

Consistency allows people to comply.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

I don’t know

Tell us why

When I eventually found the information - it looks like there is no actual change - if so that appears ok.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

After a couple of years knowing the rules applied pretty much everywhere, the changes seem to make it more complicated again.

Makes it easier to have a dog if you don't have to check what applies where, every time they leave the house to go somewhere new for a walk!

Also note that not everyone can walk a dog during the summer outside of the hours of 10-5pm. If they have to walk during those days - it's important to allow dogs on grass lands not being forced onto hot footpaths.

Consistency allows people to comply.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

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

Tell us why

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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Again, without a map - cannot tell how this will work. Infrequent visitors need to have easy access from car parks and logical and clearly marked paths.

Agree with lambing season and camp grounds rules.

Can you ensure mountain bilkers keep off pedestrian areas or make them 'walk only' areas - Cyclists frequently cycle on pedestrian area - and this is SO dangerous to pedestrians and dogs/owners.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

I only go to Muriwai infrequently, as long as there is sufficient area for dog owners to enjoy the beach with their dogs, then this is probably ok.

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

There really is limited walking available in Waiheke now (compared with past years (with a particularly great walk around the sculpture area closed and very restricted walking around Cascades. It now feels very disjointed when we used to be able to wal

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

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What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Tell us why

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

Other - please specify:

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

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Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

Keep them simple

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#2676

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Absolutely miserable proposal that isn't even backed by the department of conservation.

Sucking the joy and life out of the beach and park whilst also discouraging families and people from even going at all

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

After

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Tell us why

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

Other - please specify:

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

Allow doggs

Please explain your issue in more detail:

0

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

It's a beach. where are people supposed to walk their dogs if they can't walk them on any beaches or parks

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Anyone should be able to

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

This is getting way too harder than it should be. Keep it simplified

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As per my note about Long Bay

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Let's be realistic here. A lot of people in Auckland own dogs. As per my previous notes, as long as people have their dogs on leashes, that's what matters. Let's not over complicate this.

Te Ārai Regional Park

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Tell us why

Refer my previous notes..

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As per my previous notes..

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

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Tell us why

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What local board area is this location in?

Rodney

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Tell us why

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

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

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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#2866

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

You need to differentiate between a professional dog walker and a dog owner. Professional dog walkers should not be included in this change because it will put many out of business. Make a separate bylaw for professional dog walkers, and propose licensing, like Wellington.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

Need an absolute crack down on roaming dogs. That is where the real problem lies. Too many second/third and fourth chances are given to people who don't deserve to have a dog in the first place.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

It's a slippery area. If it is stated on lead only, then people always break the rules and have their dog off lead. These areas therefore need to be policed more.

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Tell us why

I disagree with what Auckland council is doing.

Arbitrary limits on numbers being walked and allowed off leash will not solve the issue of some walkers having out of control dogs which have the potential to cause harm to each other, stock, or the public. Many times professional walkers only have 4 or 6 completely out of control dogs, who are harassing and nipping livestock, rushing other dogs etc. Arbitrary limits on numbers will not affect them and will allow them continue their bad practices.

The issue is commonly that the walker cannot be identified, and they have dogs which are not under control whether they be on or off leash. Obviously the potential for harm increases when the dogs are off leash, but the harm is not eradicated because the dogs are on leash or because there are less of them.

The councils own data reflects just 0.57% of complaints are about multiple dogs.

To effectively address the core issue of some rotten eggs operating carelessly or ignorantly, individual assessments carried out by the PDWA under the authority of the Auckland council would be much more effective. These licences would cover whether that person can have a licence and if so, how many dogs that walker can walk, how many can be off leash at a time, and establish the walkers agreement with the PDWA code of conduct and complaints procedure.

Those licences could be in the form of a badge ID - similar to a security guards ‘certificate of approval’ - these must be worn and visible at all times while walking and will have the walkers personal ID number on it. This way, if there is an issue the walker concerned can be more readily identified.

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continues to do so. The individuals who make up the PDWA committee tried to alter her practices but were ignored as they did have any real authority to. Regulating the industry is a chance to meaningfully change this so these people can be stopped and the walking industry operates safely.

This will effectively address the issue of the cowboys operating without any recourse or consequence. Individual assessments and licensing is the answer, as opposed to arbitrary number limits which will only push the skilled professionals out of the industry and leave the cowboys.

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Why don’t you do a blitz on door knocking on all properties in state housing clusters for dog registration m it is the law already but you do not enforce it . But you spend you time and money on this proposal that has minor issues with a few rogue walkers, and this proposal won’t stop these rogue walkers as they don’t give a toss about the proposal .

All it will do is close extremely effective operators down closing business as they cannot operate under these proposal and is going to effect many dogs and owners as a result , Inwould suggest cashing more dog issues in society as a result .

Why am I amazed that this unbalanced proposal has got traction within the council without sound knowledge base of the issues surrounding.

You wonder why the public has little to no trust with people within the council .

This is not a democracy at all, I don't trust your proposals and don’t trust the people that are involved in this .

If any part of this gets traction , you will be swamped with maliouse people calling and reporting when they see a group of dogs maybe 7 but all under control, reporting , just because they can not because there is a problem but because the numbers are over 6 and off leash but not bothering anyone or anything and all under control. Is this how you want to wast rate payers money , by excepting these calls through the call centre and workers to write the complaint up and then send out who ever to investigate. Or you ask this member of public to get car registration and the. letters go out threatening people . What a plan

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This entire proposal is severely flawed at rate payers expense.

Who was in on the meeting on these decisions ??

Yet again Council rational around such a thing is totally unbalanced .

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100s of dogs getting good exercise, training by many capable educated dog walkers more of them are than not.

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And this is why people don't trust council or respect any proposing when conducted this way without involving the people and professional groups involved , and without input from Animal Control.

But what's the point .

I would support any legal challenge to this proposal by all interested parties.

What I want to know is why are you not putting your efforts into the real problem in this City a proposal together for all the wandering dogs , oozing out of hotspot areas all from State NZ Housing areas . Your own Animal Control people will 100% verify this massive problem which true real massive problem .

Why are you not clamping down one these known areas 95% of these dogs in these area which I will mention, are NOT registered, not desexed, and many if not all at some stage wandering the neighbour hood. I know I see it all the time as I am involved in rescue work.

I am in these areas to mention a few Glen Innes, Manurewa ,Otara, anywhere there is clusters and State Housing the problem is out of control because no one is addressing it.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

I use the parks a lot along with dog owners and walkers.

In general my observations are by far the majority of owners are respectful of others and responsible.

There are more issues with vagrants causing problems and being abusive than with dogs or dog

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Tell us why

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issue of dogs in public spaces.

I have lived at the bottom of Balmain Rd since 1978. I have noticed a great increase in the traffic using this deadend street, mainly for commercial dog-walking. Packs of dozens barking mad. And several businesses operating at the same time. Parking!!! It is not three years since a runaway dog from one of these murdered Pauly an elderly cat of mine on my property.

Could there not be a timetable limiting users? I certainly agree numbers need control. Also, dog owners need to understand the animal is not best housed in an apartment block. They need a back yard... even fashion-statement toy dogs.

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Tell us why

I agree with the limit on the number of dogs that can be walked at one time.

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Do not support

Tell us why

However I strongly disagree to making Big King an on-leash only area. Dogs need off-leash areas to exercise and there are very few in this area already. It is a popular area for dog walkers and would be under utilised if the rule was to chang

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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I also don't appreciate how this proposal was tucked away in the draft policy and is not available for comment as an option on the feedback form.

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Good dog owners will follow the laws.Bad owners won't.

The real issue is unregistered dogs and roaming. Suggestion make dog registration cheap and fines for unregistered dogs high.

Atm registration is expensive and prohibitive for poorer families. The reduction requires you to own a dog for a period that means new dog owners go through 2 registration periods before they can apply.

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

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

It is not possible for one individual to control 6 dogs 3 on and 3 off leads. Six on would be a stretch if they were under 10 Kg.... !! Please focus on ensuring owners have their dogs on leads in public streets and parks that do not offer off leash as an option. As pet owners we all love our furry friends, but others sometimes feel very intimidated by them.

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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2. Regarding desexing for menacing dogs.

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

I would like to advise that I think the restrictions on dog walkers are a good proposal.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

I am particularly concerned about Auckland Botanicsl 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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

We are living in North park, Auckland and we are facing more troubles of dog poops from irresponsible dog owners nearby.

The situation worsens rapidly from 5 weeks ago. We have to clean 8 dungs of dog poops on our and public lawns(our responsibility to mow)in the last 5 weeks.

I know some countries have adopted DNA test on dog poops to fine the dog owners who didn't do their business.

Is there any possibility Auckland City to implement a similar system to stop the irresponsible dog owners?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Hello,

On your online feedback form, there is no option to provide feedback for the proposed changes to off-lead dog access to Te Tātua/Big King Reserve.

I walk my Dog there every day and it is used mainly by people walking their dogs, There are limited options

in my area for Dogs to play and run around off lead.

I have not experienced any issues with badly behaved Dogs or owners at this reserve, Please recon

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I’m writing to share my concerns about the proposed updates to the Council’s Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw, as well as changes to regional and local park dog access rules.

Dogs are such an important part of life for many Aucklanders. They provi

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I think most dog owners are responsible apart from a handful.
I've got two dogs and a very easy going and friendly towards other dogs and people.
I do however find that some people probably need a dog lead more then the dogs.
Just a thought.

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I wanted to share some thoughts regarding the recent changes to dog bylaws. While I understand the concerns around dogs roaming freely without their owners, there's another issue I believe needs urgent attention: the use of fireworks.

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Last year, after 15 consecutive days of fireworks, my dog, like so many other animals, suffered severe trauma. The stress from the loud, relentless noise caused his body to go into shock, and I tragically lost him. The impact isn't limited to pets; for instance, there are stories of horses injuring themselves, such as running into fences, out of fear.

This unregulated use of fireworks isn't just a nuisance—it's a form of animal cruelty. Many countries have banned the sale of fireworks to the public and instead limit their use to organized displays on specific occasions, like New Year's Eve, in controlled areas.

Can we please advocate for similar regulations here? It's time we prioritize the well-being of animals and take meaningful steps to address this issue.

Thank you for considering this matter.

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We must keep dogs out.

We have fenced large areas of the stream to keep dogs out – this is very time consuming, ruins the aesthetics and costs money.

I have very valid before and after pictures of the stream that shows how vegetation can exist when dogs are not clawing at banks. Nature has time to restore and thrive when given a chance.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Kill all feral cats and ban others from free ranging. They’re the killers of native bird life.

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#3197

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban.

Forestry Beach is th

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Do not support

Tell us why

I am writing regarding the proposed changes to the dog policy and bylaws.

I noticed there is a proposed change to Big King Reserve, transitioning to an on-leash policy.

As a local and regular user of this park, I would like to express my concern about this change.

Dogs need a place to exercise and many people don’t have big yards for them. In my local area, there are very few off-leash places eg you cannot take your dog off leash at Cornwall Park or Mt Eden. Dogs should have the right to exercise and socialise. Most users of this park are walking their dogs off leash and if this proposed changes goes ahead, far fewer people will get to enjoy this park.

This change is an act of animal cruelty. The opportunity for dogs to run freely is not a luxury but essential to their physical and mental well being.Restricting this freedom at Big King Reserve could impact the health and happiness of countless dogs who rely on this space for active play and interaction. The current proposal would effectively deny dogs their basic needs for exercise, freedom, and socialisation.

I urge you to reconsider this decision, as the change would undermine the park's value to the community and its pets.

Additionally, the online feedback form doesn’t provide an option to comment on this change. This makes citizens unable to share their voice and be heard. I don’t appreciate how it was just hidden at the bottom.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly.

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Hi

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

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban.

Forestry Beach is th

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#3205

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

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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)

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#3207

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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

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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#3211

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

If dogs are being walked by professional dog walkers who have the dogs under control, there should not be a limit to the amount of dogs walked at the same time or off leash.

Pack walks have been an important part of my dog's development and socialisation. It is important to have opportunities like this for dogs. Day care does not provide the same opportunity, as there is often less monitoring and dogs pick up bad habits from others.

Off-leash walking in a pack with a professional walker allows dogs to exercise, build confidence and develop socialisation skills to become a well adjusted and well behaved dog.

If the number of dogs allowed off-leash on a pack walk changes, this service will increase in cost and become unaffordable for many.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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

Support

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

Tell us why

In my local area there is a pack walker with 20+ dogs there has been multiple attacks & one death resulting from this pack walker. there is no way one person can be in control of 20+ dogs at once and definitely shouldn't be allowed to profit money while endangering the public! I don't feel safe walking my dog at some places in the chances we come across not responsible pack walkers.

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

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

#3386

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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

Support

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

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Tell us why

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Location 2:

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

What local board area is this location in?

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

Tell us why

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

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

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Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

#3547

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

Current rules works well, no change is required

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

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Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Tell us why

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

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

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

Putting a limit will restrict the services provided and reduce flexibility for dog owners, especially sending the ones on packwalk. If dogs are under control, shouldn't be a problem.

Alternative can be a higher number than the proposals presented. With growing population of people and dogs, the dog walkers need that support and flexibility. Your proposal has no supporting rational.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Support the clarification but very important to know the proposal for change with substantive reasoning.

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

These restrictions are against providing residents the flexibility to keep dogs.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Dog access clarification on regional parks is a must instead of restricting access. Instructions for non dog owners is a MUST as well.

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

#3848

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

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I don’t know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Tell us why

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

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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?

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Why do we keep hitting responsible dog owners with onerous regulations when irresponsible ones don't care about rules, and they are the ones doing the damage. How are you going to enforce restrictions in a large and remote area like Hunua Ranges?

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Let's use a bit of common sense please, and not turn into completely nanny state. Pets are our family members.

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#3943

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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. But it often

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#3971

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Local Board: I don't know

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

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

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

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

no change is needed in my opinion.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

no

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#3979

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Local Board: I don't know

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

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

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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

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

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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

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

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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#4098

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Local Board: I don't know

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

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

Do not support

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

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

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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

Support

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Dog are pack animals and can’t be controlled well in large numbers.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Confusing as a dog owner to know when I can walk my dog. There is way too many restrictions on where you can walk dogs a it is

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

We need tougher restrictions on roaming and menacing dogs. Neutering and banning are ways this can help

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

More experts probably required.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Same as earlier. Too confusing and too restrictive at the moment. I understand the need to conserve and preserve flora and fauna, but it's important to be able to have access to parks to exercise and socialise dogs using off and on lead areas.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don't know

Tell us why

Only restrictions we need to look at are for roaming dogs, menacing dogs and owners who do not fence their dogs in properly. Good dog owners shouldn't have further restrictions.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Make things simple and lawful. Don't make up rules that further restrict good dog owners from being able to exercise their dogs.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don't know

Tell us why

If this means further restrictions on dogs and dog owners, then no, I do not support.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

I don't know

Tell us why

Don't place further restrictions on decent dog owners. We need to have more access.

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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?

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Please make more areas dog friendly but on a leash

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

In narrow city areas like walking around the orakei basin I would like to see all dogs on a leash and no more than 2 dogs at a time. It is bad enough being accosted by dogs when they are on leash let alone running loose.

I go for a walk to experience nature. I do not want to be greated sniffed etc by random animals while I am out

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Hello I want to

Reject the proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy because they don't make sufficient efforts to protect nature from the impacts of dogs esp. beaches & forests & all natural areas

Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules.

All dogs should be muzzled & harnessed & on a lead unless it’s in a dog park.

As a dog owner I am willing to harness my dog, lead walk my dog, muzzle my dog, pick up after my dog, microchip my dog, register my dog, neuter my dog, feed, exercise & enclose my dog, train & socialise my dog, vaccinate my dog & generally be totally responsible for the behaviour of my dog.

Owing a dog is a privilege & responsibility & not a right.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I would like to submit a response to the proposal to ban dogs from the Te Arai Forestry beach, but I seem unable to do this online.

My personal view is that ALL dogs should be ON LEASH at ALL TIMES in public places.

This would be a lot easier to police.

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Tell us why

I agree that there are some employed dog walkers who take multiple dogs out and there should be safety rules in place. I would prefer walkers with 5 plus dogs either used their own premises or to take dogs to a dog park. I worry for safety when I see one person with mulitple dogs and wonder how much control they would have if the situation is out of their control.

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

What is obviously missing is reason for proposed change and why an annual event to change rules (apart from job creation). Why can't dogs walk the cudlip loop track, ********** elsewhere to walk unless petrol costs etc. to increase tax revenue, false wh

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Tell us why

Yes to limit of dogs allowed by dog walkers.

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No....stop making excessive rules on dogs n owners, most homes in NZ have a dog make more place available to walk them, you the council are making general life difficult to walk dogs

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Tell us why

Too many rules n not enough dog walking areas

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

You are making life hard for dog owners n taking away too many areas. And too many rules....we the public will oust you all out, look at how many households have dogs these days!

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I don't agree with some of the changes outlined and the move from off leash / on leash to prohibited

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are not many beaches now that dogs are able to be free off leash. Please consider keeping this beach off leash. A blanket change of

ruling here to prohibit dogs altogether does not seem right. Dogs are members of our family and as responsible dog ow

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Forestry beach is the perfect dog beach! Why is it we aim to protect and look after the livelihood of other animals and wildlife but not our furry

friends. Forestry is a pretty remote beach which makes it the perfect place to take dogs for them to run fre

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sirs,

As a resident of Mangawhai for nearly 13 years, a dog trainer and owner of two dogs, I would like to give my feedback on the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry Beach.

Forestry Beach has been a much loved and valued resource for the local populatio

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Licensed dog walkers would ensure this power was not being abused.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Long Bay

What local board area is this location in?

Rodney

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

More access to this beautiful location

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#4468

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

As a dog owner of a working breed and the holder of n RDOL. I do not believe limiting or creating rules around the limit and control of dogs will alleviate the problem we re seeing in Auckland currently.

The only thing limiting the number of dogs one person can walk at a time will do is put respected and well experienced dog walkers/ trainers out of business and affect several people's livelihoods. If these walkers go out of business, Auckland will see an increase in the dog behavioural issues due to a lack access to training and exercise.

Personal experience suggests that sending your dog on a structured pack walk with a professional is much more fulfilling and beneficial for the dog and its training than sending it to a daycare establishment (which is not regulated). I have seen improvements in my dogs behaviour, manner and temperament since sending them on pack walks.

All professional pack walkers have their dog under control whether they're on or off leash, many of them allow you to walk past and control, in some sense the dogs and their walkers are more considerate than most pedestrians.

Auckland council should be looking at solution focused outcomes such as professional dog walking licenses, training qualifications and further eduction and training for the average dog owner.

Pack walkers/dog walkers should be subject to licensing. Their staff should be licensed or hold training certs (dog training) under them and registered with an association such as the PDWA.

"Cowboy" dog walkers (those that decide to side hustle, should be regulated and undergo training if they wish to become professional dog walkers or follow strict rules or just not be allowed to walk dogs.

Numbers should not be limited for on leash and off leash dogs.

Focus on the backyard breeding, roaming dogs and dog attacks that are happening all over the region and over run rescues with unwanted litters that inconvenience those that don't register or neuter their dogs not professional dog trainers and walkers who spend their lives creating safe environments and socialisation opportunities for dogs and their owners.

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

You need to clarify what menacing means, don’t classify a dog breed as menacing because someone say so, it up to the individual dog.

Don’t just put dogs down because they don’t pass a multi choice questionnaire, work with actual dog trainers to classify menacing dogs

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Refer above

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Tell us why

You shouldn’t be penalised for where you can afford to live

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Tell us why

Dog shouldn’t be banned from everywhere, you’ll just create a region full of reactive dogs

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Don’t put access timeframes in place as it makes places like beaches difficult to access with your dog if you live a normal 9-5 life with a family, you are unable too enjoy the beach because of strict timings that aren’t required in a majority of places

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4476

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Tell us why

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To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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!

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Do not change access policy.

We would like to keep the areas for off leash dog areas the same

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#4489

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Local Board: I don't know

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

We are in an economic crisis and some people are walking multiple dogs (very well) for a living. I have seen people doing this with no problem. I am sick of having blanket rules put in place for responsible dog owners by Auckland Council to address problems that either don't actually exist or are caused by a small minority. If there is a problem with an individual dog owner or walker - address that individual.

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. I am sick of travelling miles away so that I can take my dog for a walk.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. Surely AC have bigger priorities.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I'm sick of the constant and endless restrictions on where you can walk your dog. Surely AC have bigger priorities.

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I'm sick of the constant and endless restrictions on where you can take your dog. There is barely anywhere left in Pakiri. Surely AC have bigger priorities.

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support where the restrictions are being lessened but the whole explanation seems difficult to understand and overly-complicated

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

overly complicated and again further restricting where dog owners can walk their dogs. There are plenty of deserving problems to solve - find something else to do Auckland Council.

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Again further restricting where dog owners can walk their dogs. There are plenty of deserving problems to solve - find something else to do Auckland Council.

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is my dog and therefore my family's favourite beach. We got engaged here, married here (our dog was even our ring bearer). We go to this beach all of the time alongside so many other great dog owners and we love it.

It is 15 minutes drive away from

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. I am sick of it.

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Overly complicated and further restricting where people can walk their dogs. Soon we will have nowhere left.

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Overly complicated - looks like you are gearing yourselves up for more revenue gathering / ticketing.

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

My feedback is general and applies to all areas - regional and local

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Other - please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

I want greater dog access but the pre-determined assumption that this might come at the cost of other users demonstrates entirely the approach that Auckland Council currently use to fish for problems where there are none resulting in new dog restrictions

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Look at the first 5 suggested answers that your submission form has pre-empted to the question 'What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?' Auckland Council have a bias against dogs which is evident in the way you collect feed

Yes - provide more access not less.

Auckland Council have a bias against dogs which is evident in the way you collect feedback and therefore results in constant new rules and restrictions for dog owners that look like they are supported by the general p

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Tell us why

Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules.

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Hi am submitting my thoughts on the Dog Policy and Bylaw Review

I reject the proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy because they don't make sufficient efforts to protect nature from the impacts of dogs

The Auckland-wide dog rules should require

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#4497

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Simpler and easier to find website info, related to dog rules. Consistent info for all areas that can or can't be use to walk your dog. I should be able to find when and where I can walk my dog easily. Not buried somewhere in the council website.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Forestry Beach is a peaceful haven year-round for those folks that have limited options to be 'at one' with 'Mother Nature'.

With the increased population in Mangawhai plus the influx of weekend and holiday visitors - spending time alone and away from p

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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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 or after 4.00pm when the Gardens staff have finished for the day? Are you planning on locking all the gates to stop access?

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I've noticed that many dog walkers, both on and off-leash, are handling an excessive number of dogs at once. Since dog walking is a professional service, there should be clear policies in place to regulate it. Currently, NZ lacks any specific regulations for dog walkers, meaning virtually anyone can take up the role without oversight. When I visit parks or off-leash areas, I often encounter dog walkers with dogs that are poorly controlled, which poses a risk to both my family and me. I fully support the proposed bylaw to limit the number of dogs a walker can handle at one time, as it would help ensure safety and accountability.

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

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Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Mission Bay

What local board area is this location in?

Devonport-Takapuna

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Other - please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

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Please explain your issue in more detail:

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Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

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#4895

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

Dogs often fail to give people space and impose their presence on strangers. For people who are nervous of dogs or don't want to be bothered by dogs, their behaviour really impacts their ability to make use of the space, to enjoy it with peace of mind. Dogs also do a lot of barking and this impacts people who are sensitive to noise. In short, dogs have a significant impact on many people using the space. Dog owners often fail to recognise this. A simple eg is that they force pedestrians using the same footpath to leave it and give way to the dog they are walking with. I feel the balance of impact person v dog is too much outweighed by the dog and not enough consideration is given to more vulnerable people such as children who are using the park and are less able to cope/manage dog behaviour.

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Support

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Many of new Zealand's birds nest on the ground in scrapes and are very vulnerable to dogs. I hope that this review, prioritises citizens to keep their dogs, at the very least, on leashes when roaming beaches or nesting locations because they are endangering wildlife. I believe there should be a prohibition of dogs from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. I am also in favour of 'dog parks' and 'non-dog parks' so that each group have their own space. Those that are bothered by dogs can find space that is peaceful without being on alert for dogs, and dogs can also have their space to run free.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5103

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Tell us why

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Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

This 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

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

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Tell us why

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Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Waitawa Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

All

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Dogs should be allowed on leash at all times

The changes are against public wishes and are solely designed to reduce the amount of money the council spends on parks. Why are we even paying dog registration fees when we receive nothing back?

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5200

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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#5266

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

The proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy will mean less protection from the impacts of dogs on our local environment.

The Auckland-wide dog rules should require that dogs be prohibited from all Kauri Forest area to prevent the spread of Kauri Dieb

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Local Board: I don't know

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
Support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I do think that no matter how skilled the walker, walking 15 dogs off leesh is a risk to them, the dogs, other dogs, other walkers, and other animals using the trail. Even 10 dogs is high risk and alot of these people are out on their own with no back up plans. I have seen massive pack fights and it's not easy to deal with even with multiple people. So yes I agree with this.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Their are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think the responsible dog owners are the ones who are being punished with the new restrictions on beaches and regional parks. The people who don't follow the rules, and don't register their dog or even bother to train them will not care about the rules and will not follow them. So why are the responsible owners like myself punished and restricted even further than what we already are. I work from home and have an elderly dog and we prefer to go for our outings during the day as it's quieter for him and I don't have to worry about him hurting his spine. But I guess that doesn't matter, it only matters that the responsible owners are again punished for useless owners. I've paid my dog registration for years, I pay my rates, I pick up my dogs poop. Please don't stop me being able to take him to a nice gentle beach during the middle of the day so we can have a safe walk (and a swim if he's feeling up to it)

Please start focusing more on stopping irresponsible people from owning dogs, there will be less problems and less dog poop left everywhere then.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It's not fair. Why should dog owners and good dogs be punished for irresponsible people and dogs, let alone the useless parents who don't train there kids how to act around dogs.

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Tell us why

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Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai is a huge beach, it is unfair to restrict dogs to only a certain part. My dog is elderly and injured and I prefer to not have him around other dogs.....so if I follow your new rules I can't walk him at muriwai at all....even though I'm a responsible d

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Please don’t ruin what little fun we are allowed to have with our dogs just because some people are dicks, punish them.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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#5398

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Local Board: I don't know

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Forestry Beach as the locals know it, is a vast stretch of our coastline, and quite often unoccupied. As a dog owner I have taken my dogs there for many years. It is a great place for off leash exercise. In all this time i have never seen a problem with d

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I think each Regional park is probably different and reasonable dog access rules made that ensure that everyone, dogs and their owners too, may enjoy our beautiful parks.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5435

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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'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.

There also needs to be a focus on enforcing responsible dog ownership and improving our animal welfare standards- this includes enforcing owners desex their dogs (and cats), socialize and train their dogs, and reduce roaming dogs. Other suggestions include:

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· Dog Ownership: focus on preventing roaming dogs, unregistered dogs, non-microchipping, and life chained dogs. More should be done to ensure responsible dog ownership (yes there is an incentive to do a responsible owners course to get a discount on your annual council dog registration fee, however this does not target the population who choose not to register their dog in the first place). How does the council target the owners who do not pay their annual registration? Dog owners should be enticed to attend some form of puppy training class (since it's not feasible to make it mandatory), to demonstrate they care for their dog welfare and the safety of other dogs and humans by ensuring the foundations are set from the beginning of ownership.

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The focus of council needs to be on the source of the problem – desexing and irresponsible dog ownership.

As a side note - are there proposals to change cat ownership - if there are concerns about the impact of dogs to birdlife/wildlife, is there a proposal to limit the number of cats one household can have?

*Auckland Council's Animal Management Annual Report 2023-2024 published: the known dog population has increased 2.8%; a 4.6% decrease in the registration rate of known dogs; dog attacks increased 14% on people and 17% on other animals; roaming dogs increased by 19%; a 13% increase in field teams responses requests for service. This same report concludes "while most Aucklanders are doing the right thing, irresponsible dog ownership continues to be a major cause of roaming, dog attacks and aggression in Tamaki Makaurau.

**New playgrounds and walkways: ten projects highlight investment in community assets https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2024/07/new-playgrounds-and-walkways-ten-projects-highlight-investment-in-community-assets/

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Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I agree with clarification and updating.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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 projects over the past 12 months that had been completed for renewing existing assets and creating more infrastructure such as basketball courts, boardwalks and playgrounds to meet the future needs of Auckland's growing population. It appears that human population growth is being considered, so why is the increasing dog owner population being penalised with a reduction of the number of available walkable spaces when we have one of the highest dog ownership rates per capita?

I strongly oppose Auckland Council's proposed overall reduction of designated dog walking areas, including on-and-off leash, across the region.

There are more dogs, more roaming dogs, more dog attacks in the region than ever before*. This means, more space is required to accommodate the increase in dog ownership to be able to appropriately exercise and provide mental enrichment for Auckland dogs and their owners.

The proposals to significantly reduce the areas across Auckland that dogs can be walked/exercised is not addressing the real issue – too many dogs with irresponsible owners who do not: register their dogs; desex their dogs; have adequate fencing; socialise, train or exercise their dogs.

Proper welfare of dogs includes being able meet their exercise and mental stimulation needs. I feel these proposals will force more responsible owners to go to smaller number of available spaces, and therefore more dogs congregating together. Less spaces (including on/off leash) + more dogs = more problems including dog attacks.

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Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5458

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Auckland wide

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Dogs under control should be allowed anywhere.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5466

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

If you work long days and you want your active dogs to be walked by a dog walker, when some people have more than one dog, as long as your dog has good recall and behaves then there should be no limit. No dog would be off leash if you can't keep it under control. I think it's ridiculous that this has been proposed and limits our dogs who are a massive part of our life.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

That is absolutely absurd. I have two dogs and yes they can be classified as menacing but that doesn't mean they are, that is a stupid stereotype which cannot classify one breed as menacing when every single dog is different and depends on how they are brought up! It is good to have dogs neutered but not just because they are menacing! That's so stupid! Adopt don't shop

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

As I say above, this is so stereotypical and no person really has a good grasp on how a dog acts apart from the owner. Yes they can look scary but there is no way random people can classify who they think is menacing!

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

People who breed dogs should have a limit as they are part of this problem but people who are fostering or looking after dogs, there should no limit. They should make the question clearer

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Why limit access dogs have. They already have very limited access as it is, lets limit access humans have and then see how it goes down

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Stop limiting access for dogs, they only have little access as it is

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Stop stereotyping dogs and breeds and stop limiting access for where dogs can go! They are a massive part of our life and people who decide on these laws probably have no clue what it's like to own a dog and how hard it is just to take your dog out and the limiting places they can go

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5514

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Local Board: I don't know

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Leave this part alone. Why does everyone have to bother what one does inside their home aa long aa they're not bothering anyone.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

In setting clarity, aim to keep dog owners and their dogs' rights in mind. Dog policies should have responsible dog owners as key priority, and not people who have no dogs and are just commenting for the sake of attention.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify only. There is no need to change these rules.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

First identify what are the errors rather than pointing out making the corrections already. Don't be sneaky.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Add in a map to make it clearer.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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!

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Restrictive once again, keeping a small minded mentality.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

What a stupid amendment proposed.

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Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

All of Auckland - Auckland council, stop restricting our rights to live free with our domestic animals.

What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Other - please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

STOP CHANGING THINGS

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

see attachment

summary of attachment:

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Hill Park

Manurewa 2102

16 February 2025

To Members of Auckland Council

Proposed changes to dog access and off-leash area at the Auckland Botanic Gardens

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to dog access at the Auckland Botanic Gardens (the Gardens). Those of us who use the off-leash area on a regular basis appreciate the space provided to exercise our dogs.

I note that the proposals "Aim to maintain a balance of dog-friendly and dog-free spaces". I question whether this aim is being met in light of the proposals regarding the Gardens, in particular the extent of the reduction of the off-leash area and the prohibition from the cultivated garden areas. In my opinion, the proposals will not maintain a balance of dog-friendly and dog-free spaces because dogs are to be prohibited access to the majority of the Gardens.

I strongly disagree with the proposals to:

- prohibit dogs from the cultivated garden areas at all times; and
- reduce some of the off-leash area for dogs at the Gardens.

We have lived in Hill Park since the beginning of 1988 when we emigrated from South Africa. We appreciate the development of the Gardens over the years and, more recently, the ability to exercise our dog (and ourselves) in both the on-leash and off-leash areas.

I remember the previous time that Auckland Council wanted to reduce the off-leash area for dogs. Many people signed petitions opposing the proposals, which did not proceed in light of that opposition. I also completed the 2019 (?) survey regarding dogs. In particular I remember a question about whether I had seen dogs off leash in an on-leash area, to which I answered yes. However, I do not remember being asked for my views on this or whether I had encountered any issues with the dogs or the owners.

I note the following reasons for the proposals.

- Minimise increasing risks to people in current off-leash area. The risks to be minimised are not identified. In addition, it would be helpful to know whether there is any empirical or statistical evidence regarding these risks. For example, if the risk to be

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Prohibition from the cultivated garden areas

I note that this prohibition is not included in the summary of Main Proposals regarding the Gardens. However, it is specifically mentioned in proposed Policy rule (3) in the online submission form. In my opinion, not including this proposal in the summary is misleading and not transparent, in particular when constituents want to comment on only the proposals that affect them.

I assume the· 'cultivated garden areas' are all areas south of the rose gardens.

I do not support a blanket prohibition in these areas. We are constantly made aware of the health benefits, both mental and physical, of owning a pet, exercising ourselves on a regular basis and socialising, in particular as we grow older. For people living alone, walking their dog provides exercise and an opportunity to socialise. We say hello to the dog and the owner, and have a brief chat. Some people have a standing arrangement to meet at the Gardens at a specific time each day, which provides an opportunity for socialising while they and their dogs are exercising. Not all dog owners want to exercise their dogs in the off-leash area. A total prohibition of dogs in the cultivated gardens will result in some people not being able to enjoy the beauty of the Gardens while exercising their dogs, and will remove an opportunity for socialising. For those of us who have dogs, walking round the Gardens is far more enjoyable and relaxing than walking round the streets.

We often enter the Gardens (with our dog) at the entrance near the Potter Children's Garden from 4.30pm onwards (later in summer because of the heat) and walk down to the off-leash area, round the off-leash area on the 'road' and then back. Other than fine weekends and public holidays, there are very few people in the Gardens at that time. An alternative to total prohibition may be a time exclusion over weekends and public holidays when the Gardens are busy.

I acknowledge that many people do not like, or are frightened of, dogs, and that the purpose of some of these proposals may be to address the concerns of these people.

However, this area is currently an on-leash area so dogs should be under the control of their owners and not be a threat to other people.

Reduction of the off-leash area

I strongly disagree with the proposal to reduce the off-leash area for dogs.

I acknowledge and agree with prohibiting dogs from the waterways because of the damage that is caused to the surrounding environment.

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Nga mihi

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In regards to the proposed ban on dogs being allowed to continue enjoying the Forestry Beach at Te Arai, I would like to make the following points:

- in all my time of seeing dogs on this beach, I have never witnessed any dog disturbing a bird's nest or

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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I do not have a comment on the number of dogs that a person should be able to take on a walk but anyone walking more than two dogs at the same time (on or off-leash) needs to be registered so that there is a mechanism in place for ensuring compliance and for following up on complaints. Likewise, I don't wish to comment on beach access.

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Support

Tell us why

I support the plan to make the rules clearer, though my primary concern is the lack of management/enforcement, and this is where improvement is needed.

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Tell us why
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 those paddocks. An example is the area between the end of the Totara Bridle Path and Redoubt Road.

Botanic Gardens' staff have fenced their side of the Puhinui Stream down at the Botanic Gardens dog park to prevent dogs and people going into the water to swim and play, is there is visible degradation of the banks and root systems of the trees, but the other side of the stream is in Totara Park and is not fenced, so some people take their dogs around that side. As there is a walkway through the bush (Puhinui Stream forest walk) the access is very easy. This area also needs to be fenced and have compliance officers visit, not just at the beginning but on a regular, ongoing basis, so that the stream and forest can be adequately protected.

The awareness that enforcement officers could arrive at any time would also improve the attitude of some owners towards dog waste in both parks.

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

There is no reason to restructure policy, dogs need places to exercise not be restricted

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Keep current policy which is working well for dogs and people

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5562

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs
We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5601

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Personally I do not support these changes and the impact this could have on dog walking services; dog walking services provide much needed exercise for certain families and I believe this should be managed through professional licensing rather than sweeping changes.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks
Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens
We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5721

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs
We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5738

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

It would be good to clarify the rules, but I don’t believe they need to be more restrictive.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

It would be good to clarify the rules, but I don’t believe they need to be more restrictive.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

It would be good to clarify the bylaws, but I don’t believe they need to be more restrictive.

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Under control on a leash on the beach during the day should pose no threat, assuming the dogs are in fact on a leash and under control. Police this better if it's not happening, don't penalise the many for the crimes of the few!

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

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Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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I don’t know

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5752

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

For Auckland Council Governing Body - Forestry Beach (Te Arai South - Regional Park)

I OPPOSE the proposal that Dogs are PROHIBITED from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and trac

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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#5753

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland is putting the rights of the well-heeled golfing elite ahead of those of ratepayers who own dogs.

We DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks, we want off leash walking rights at all times.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5755

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Hello,

I am strongly against preventing access for dogs to forestry beach up near te arai.

It's the one beach we can enjoy in that area, if you're going to ban access there then people will just start walking their dogs on any beach. I try to be a respon

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have been walking my dogs at Forestry Beach for many years and do not understand why you are considering banning them. There are never great numbers of dogs and over a period of 28years and various dogs I have had, have never encountered a problem. Plea

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Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5759

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs
We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I support the continued ban of dogs at regional parks

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5762

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5765

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We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a dog owner, I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead, I want OFF LEASH at all times.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5768

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Thought I would do a quick email regarding prohibiting dog access on Forestry Beach. We love walking on Forestry Beach with our dog, and hope it continues to be an off leash beach for years to come! Even if it was on leash would be way better than prohi

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5769

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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I OPPOSE the proposal that Dogs are PROHIBITED from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and trac

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#5770

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Dogs and their families need a safe place to run and enjoy off leash time

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As responsible dog owners we do not want dogs banned from forestry beach. It is hard enough to find anywhere to exercise dogs as it is without taking spaces away.

Waitawa Regional Park

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#5774

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Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I think the problem is more about how dog owners treat their dogs.

The majority of owners are responsible & care for their pets.

When dogs are not looked after & are allowed to run wild In packs we are going to see problems.

I don't think it is as easy as counting how many dog's are walked but it's how responsible owners are.

There should be more accountability as to how dogs are treated.

In short I feel it is too easy to purchase a dog without any focus on care & training & socialising a dog.

I have just donated to the SPCA after seeing the appalling condition of a dog left chained & starving. This is not uncommon & there should be a crackdown on cruel pet ownership.

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Ø Some people are allergic to dog hair

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Ø Behaviours continue, as, in most cases there are no consequences due to lack of 'casual' monitoring of existing rules/regulations/legislation

Ø All dogs have a degree of unpredictability in behaviour, even the "friendly, won't bite" ones

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Ø Packs of dogs have not been experienced

· Suggest AC dog patron walk along the Westhaven marina walkway, at any time, noting unleashed dogs, Ponsonby Road can be similar

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Respectfully, AC can make all the rules & regulations they like, but, like all rules & regulations, unless the existing rules/regulations/legislation are policed, creating further rules/regulations/legislation is simply a waste of time/effort & money.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Hello,

As a local over many decades to this beach I am horrified Auckland Council are suggesting the banning of dogs at Forestry Beach under the false pretence dogs are contributing to the demise of the local bird population.

There is no evidence to supp

Waitawa Regional Park

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Effluent is discharged from the Mangere Wastewater treatment plant into the Manukau Harbour, Dogs could be at risk of exposure to contaminated water. There is nesting seabird colonies along the walkway, also there is native trees providing food and shelter for birds residing and migrating

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I think proposed changes such as dogs prohibited on all park, beach and foreshore areas etc reduces confusion. Families, friends are sitting on the grass and it is annoying when dogs approach, Mostly it is friendly, but it can be scary if bigger dogs come around small children,

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dear Auckland Council Team,

I recently came across information suggesting that there are plans to further restrict dog access at Forestry Beach/Te Arai Beach. As a responsible dog owner, I find this deeply concerning. With Auckland's existing dog acces

Waitawa Regional Park

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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I OPPOSE the proposal that Dogs are PROHIBITED from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and trac

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Do not support

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

it's unfair and is unreasonable.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5884

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I feel that this is a good balance between practicality and safety. This number still allows the proficient, professional dog walkers to keep numbers up while also keeping a reasonable restriction in place for those walkers who may not be as competent.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarity is always a good thing. If rules and regulations are clear, there should be less room for error.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Who is the authority on what "menacing" means? This is very vague and can lead to a lot of instances where people feel they have control over other people's dogs as they may have the idea that they can report any and every dog, that they believe is a menace, to the authorities. People love to feel power and I feel that this change opens up the doors to vigilante justice which always creates more problems than what is aims to fix.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Breed standards need to be adhered to. IF a dog is determined to be a menace, testing should be done on the owner of the dog to determine they are of sound enough mind to be raising a dog. If not, the OWNER should be punished - NOT THE DOG!

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

This is tricky. Legitimate businesses should be able to have a license that allows them to have more dogs on their property. Any properties that have excessive dogs and that cannot provide a license for such, should be heavily fined and have procedures in place to get them to provide better living situations for the dogs.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

This is understandable with a growing population. So long as wildlife protection is at the forefront of restricting or denying dog access, I do not think many people would have an issue. The problem lies where restrictions are applied for no other reason but people not liking the idea that dogs are around.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarity is vital in these situations where safety is of utmost importance. More clarity can only result in better following of rules and regulations.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Less noise and mistakes make it easier to follow along with rules.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Unnecessary and outdated information does not serve to assist with the regulation of the rules.

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Maori culture is always first and foremost.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Families should be allowed to have their pets at the park to watch football/rugby/netball games.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

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I support the proposed change

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Tell us why

A lot of reactive dogs benefit from pack walks as they are led by experienced dog handlers and affordable. Putting a limit would make pack walks expensive and result in more aggressive behaviors in dog parks

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Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No need to change as this is not a busy dog are and most dog owners and dogs are lovely and respectful

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Monte Cecilia

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

More space for dogs to avoid conflict

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

More freedom and space for less conflict between dogs

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5948

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I currently use a professional dog service Paws on Tour that has 8-10 dogs on lead.

I feel that the current model does need change, but limits won't resolve this issue

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6044

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6058

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
Support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This puts more limits to the dog access which make Auckland even a less pet friendly place than already is.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Auckland

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6171

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Support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

I don't know

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6178

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Local Board: I don't know

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1. Walking multiple dogs
We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It seems like only the wording changed.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It makes it easier to understand where you can have your dog.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

I don't know

Tell us why

No opinion on these changes.

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It makes the information easier to understand.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Not a huge change that will affect a lot.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

No.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6203

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6258

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

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We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:
Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6
Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6
Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6374

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6408

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Although I support this, I strongly believe that the numbers should be lower. I have been attacked by a dog whose owner was only walking it at the time. We need to reduce the limit to one off leash dog maximum. A walker cannot mind 3 dogs at the same time.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

The focus should be on the rights of children and other vulnerable users of these facilities first.

As Auckland's living conditions are becoming more closer to their neighbours the council should also put more resourcing into animals that continually bark and completely destroy the peace and tranquility of their neighbours and neighborhood.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

As Auckland gets denser this is an absolute requirement. Most dog owners will be mindful of their neighbours and their rights to peaceful and quiet enjoyment of their property; however, there are others who blatantly disregard their responsibilities as a pet owner.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Pet access must be secondary to people - especially vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly. There have been horrific attacks on children due to pet owners not being responsible.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be only allowed off leash after 6pm.

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be on leash between 9 am and 6pm all year round.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Mission bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers and all eastern bay beaches

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

The songbird project is significantly improving the bird life and pets are increasingly likely to threaten the success of the project.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Dog owners are also disregarding other users rights. The number of pets is impacting the ability of people and tourists to enjoy this area. Dogs should be prohibited from these beach areas between 9 am to 6 pm.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6435

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

When I've visited Auckland with my dogs, and I've walked during the day, during the weekday. I've been rushed by large groups of dogs by walkers with zero control. Seeing how many of these walkers handle dogs, shows how little control they actually have

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Support

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

It'd be nice if you could add similar new by laws like Rotorua recently did. Have dna on the system for dog bites and attacks and problem dogs. And desexing problem dogs

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Changing the rules does not change the real problem which is no regulation of the industry.

The number of dogs does not matter when the business is well run, the trainers gave the right level of experience and are able to understand the fundamentals of dog behaviour and do not engage in reckless behaviour.

I have had more issues with the general public with only 1 or two dogs and 0 control then I have ever had coming across pack walkers.

I have come across owners with one dog who would not give us space or stop their dog approaching us even when I called out asking for space with a nervous dog.

Where as I have seen a pack walkers with 20 dogs note that I called my off leash dogs in to be leashed, Do the same with her pack and then give us a huge amount of space to calmly and quietly pass.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I support clarity of wording to help all dog owners be held accountable to following the regulations.

Shitty owners ruin it for good owners

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

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.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are so few areas that dog owners can complete larger walks in the Auckland area that it would be a shame to lose the access we have to the Hunuas.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are so many beaches we are already restricted from during day time hours, it's a true privilege to be able to spend a day as a family at long bay with the dogs.

We have been there several times this summer and have not seen any need to remove the current on leash rules.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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I don’t know

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

I think it makes it harder to understand and follow. Keeping it simple is easier to get it right

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Significant reduction in space available for dog walking.

Local groups note the new proposed area for the dogs is often a cove used as quieter swimming for kids.

The general public will not understand the sudden influx of dogs forced to use this space

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Personally I have never used Maitaitai Bay Beach with my dogs as it is always immensely popular and crowded.

As opposed to Waitawa bay where I only run into 1 or 2 other people most visits.

It makes no sense to squash dogs into a small area of the bus

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Support clarity without loss of access

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Access to other tracks is always greatly appreciated especially to create longer outings to currently allowed areas

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

A dog walker always has the dogs under control and/or on a leash. The know their dogs and control them. They walk during the day when most people are at work. It is their job and they do it well. It also helps with socialising dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dog walking areas are already limited. By restricting areas where families can take their dog and enjoy a family outing we are making it harder for families to enjoy time together which will increase absence from nature for many families. Owners control their dogs in these area, but should be allowed to enjoy the parks in an unchanged fashion. As rate payers they have a right to enjoy the parks. Their rates as well as the dog registration money ought to be enough to buy them the right to exercise themselves with their dogs in these park without any changes to the bylaw/law..

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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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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.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Prohibiting dogs during the day serves no purpose. It is unfair on families wanting to enjoy a lovely outing together with their pet. The current rules are sufficient, keep them this way so everyone can enjoy a day out.

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This change makes it incredibly difficult for families to gain an understanding where they can walk all together with their dog and where not. It also serves no purpose. a dog on a lead is under control and that is enough. Keep the rule the way they are -

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do not make it complicated and restrictive for owners and families wanting to enjoy an outing together. It serves no purpose to complicate the rules and would require extensive resources to police. Leave them as they are.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Keep it simple, leave the rules as they are. There is no way council can patrol such a large area to ensure compliance. Give people the freedom to enjoy our beautiful land and nature without detailed and non-purposeful restrictions that can not be enforce

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

An update should be devoted to increasing areas for owners, families and their pets to enjoy the outdoors, not make it more complicated and restrictive for no reason. Leave the rules as they are.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

any regional park and beach in Auckland

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Other - please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

The more areas we can creat for owners/families to enjoy with their pet (like Australia does), the more opportunities people have to enjoy their outdoors, stay fit and healthy and reap benefits for their mental health. It is already impossible to patrol a

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

see above

The more access for dogs off leash under control the happier we will all be!

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6855

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Do not support
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

e already written something about my feelings on the subject so have not completed the form. I hope that you are able to decipher and dissect what you need for each topic of discussion from my summary below. Many thanks, Zemira

Why the Proposed Dog Walking Restrictions Miss the Real Issues

I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on professional dog walkers. These regulations fail to address the actual problems in our communities and instead unfairly target responsible professionals who play a vital role in ensuring dogs get the exercise, enrichment, and socialisation they need.

1. Professional Dog Walkers Are Not the Problem

Auckland Councilâ€™s own data shows that only 0.7% of dog-related complaints involve professional dog walkers. The main issues reported are excessive barking and roaming dogs, which are overwhelmingly caused by irresponsible private owners, not trained professionals.

Despite this, the Council has chosen to impose arbitrary limits on pack sizes and off-leash dogsâ€”restrictions that will do nothing to address these real concerns.

Professional dog walkers:

â€¢ Assess each dog before adding them to a group.

â€¢ Know how to manage a pack safely, with many skilled walkers handling 12 to 14 dogs with full control.

â€¢ Ensure their dogs are well-behaved in public spaces, often demonstrating higher levels of training and recall than many individual pet owners.

There is a huge difference between experienced professionals and everyday owners, yet this proposal fails to make that distinction.

2. The Real Issue: Irresponsible Ownership and Lack of Regulation

The biggest problems in dog-friendly spaces arenâ€™t caused by professional pack walkers but by poorly managed off-leash dogs owned by the general public.

Too many dog owners:

â€¢ Walk their dogs off-leash in on-leash areas with no regard for the rules.

â€¢ Have zero control over their dogâ€™s recall.

â€¢ Allow their â€œfriendlyâ€ dog to rush up to others without consent, creating stress, fights, or behavioral setbacks.

Just yesterday, my dog and I were rushed by three different dogs in a single outing. This is a daily reality for many owners, particularly those with reactive or anxious dogs who carefully select on-leash areas to avoid these exact encounters.

Instead of restricting professionals who train and control their dogs, the Council should focus on enforcing existing leash laws and educating owners on responsible dog behavior.

3. Pack Walking Is Essential for Many People

These restrictions also ignore the real-world impact on people who rely on pack walking services.

There are countless dog owners who, for various reasons, cannot walk their dog every dayâ€”whether itâ€™s due to demanding work schedules, physical disabilities, mental health struggles, or chronic illnesses.

I personally have been struggling with life-impacting health issues, and on some days, I simply donâ€™t have the strength to take my dog for the long, enriching walk they deserve. Knowing that my dog is out with a trusted walker, getting exercise, stimulation, and socialisation, while I can rest and recover, makes a difference you canâ€™t even imagine.

For many owners, having access to a skilled professional isnâ€™t just a convenienceâ€”itâ€™s the only way they can ensure their dogâ€™s well-being. These proposed restrictions would take that away, making life significantly harder for people who are already facing challenges.

4. Restricting Walkers Will Have Negative Consequences

If these restrictions go ahead, we will see:

â€¢ More under-exercised, frustrated dogs, leading to increased behavioral issues.

â€¢ More conflict in shared spaces, as individual owners struggle to manage their dogs in overcrowded areas.

â€¢ More dogs being neglected, rehomed, or surrendered due to unmanageable behavioral problems.

By making it harder for dogs to access professional care and reducing safe spaces for exercise, the Council is actively increasing the very issues they claim to be addressing.

5. A Better Solution: Licensing, Not Limits

Instead of arbitrary restrictions, a smarter solution would be:

â€¢ Separate regulations for professional dog walkers vs. general dog owners.

â€¢ A licensing or certification system for professional walkers to establish industry standards, remove unqualified handlers, and fund complaint management through registration fees.

â€¢ Stronger enforcement of existing leash laws and education for the general public on responsible off-leash behavior.

Dog-related issues in public spaces are not about numbersâ€”theyâ€™re about competence and responsibility. The best way forward is not to limit professional dog walkers but to work with them to create a system that benefits everyone.

Final Call to Action

I strongly urge Auckland Council to work with the Professional Dog Walkers Association and consult industry experts before making a decision that will negatively impact countless dogs and their owners. There are far better ways to improve dog welfareâ€”ones that actually address the root causes rather than punishing responsible professionals

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Do not support
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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

TÄ“nÄ koe,

I am writing to share my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the dog policy and bylaws, particularly the focus on limiting the number of dogs per walker. While I acknowledge the need for effective dog management, restricting numbers alone does not address the root causes of potential issues. The primary concern should not be the number of dogs per walker but rather the walker's experience, skill, and training in handling dogs safely and responsibly.

Untrained individuals walking even a small number of large dogs with behavioural challenges can still lead to the same risks that the proposed changes seek to mitigate. The key issue is ensuring that professional dog walkers possess the necessary skills to assess a dogâ€™s suitability for pack walks, understand canine behaviour, and manage their group effectively. Similar to Wellington, introducing a licensing and training requirement for professional dog walkersâ€”ensuring they are certified in areas such as first aid and responsible dog handlingâ€”would be a far more effective measure than simply capping numbers.

Furthermore, the proposed changes make no distinction between professional dog walkers and regular individuals. Professional dog walkers, who dedicate their careers to understanding and managing canine behaviour, should not be subjected to the same restrictions as casual or inexperienced dog owners. Recognising this distinction is crucial to ensuring that experienced handlers can continue to provide essential services without unnecessary limitations.

Reputable professional dog walkers already implement best practices, such as conducting individual sessions with new dogs to determine their suitability for group walks and working with owners to address any behavioural concerns before integrating them into a pack. These professionals have a vested interest in maintaining well-behaved packs, as their reputation and business success depend on itâ€”especially if licensing were introduced.

Additionally, the proposed changes fail to address the accountability of dog owners. Many dogs roam freely in Auckland without being part of managed packs. These roaming dogs can also cause significant problems, such as aggressive behaviour, territorial disputes, or interactions with other dogs and people that may lead to safety concerns. What mechanisms are currently in place to ensure that dogs are desexed to prevent behavioural issues associated with dogs in heat? As a responsible dog owner, the Council

has never approached me regarding desexing my dog or obtaining a breeder license where required.

Beyond regulatory concerns, these changes would have a detrimental impact on dog welfare and the well-being of their families. The benefits of pack walks extend far beyond exercise; they contribute to proper socialisation, reduced anxiety, and improved behaviour. My own dog, Pretzel, goes on pack walks at least three times a week, and I have personally witnessed the immense benefits on her fitness, socialisation with other dogs and people, recall and obedience, and overall happiness. If the size of packs is significantly restricted or professional services become cost-prohibitive due to reduced viability, many dogs will lose access to these essential benefits. Families with limited time or resources may struggle to compensate for the loss, potentially leading to more behavioural problems, increased conflict in public spaces, and a rise in dogs needing rehoming when owners can no longer meet their needs.

Rather than implementing an arbitrary limit on dog numbers, I propose a more comprehensive approach:

Establish clear professional standards for dog walkers, including mandatory training, licensing, and first aid certification.

Identify designated areas or parks specifically for off-leash pack walks, allowing individual walkers to avoid these spaces if preferred.

Strengthen enforcement of dog welfare and desexing requirements for owners to ensure responsible pet management.

By focusing on responsible ownership, walker expertise, and practical solutions, Auckland Council can achieve a safer and more effective outcome for both dogs and the wider community.

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

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An untrained walker, even with a small group of dogs, can still pose risks. Ensuring that professional walkers are properly trained in canine behavior and group management would be far more effective than limiting dog numbers. In Wellington, for example, a licensing system requiring training and certification has proven to be successful.

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Additionally, the changes overlook the responsibility of dog owners. Many dogs roam freely in Auckland, creating safety risks and behavior issues. What steps are being taken to ensure that dogs are desexed to prevent problems linked to dogs in heat? I have not been contacted by the Council regarding desexing my dog or acquiring a breeder's license when required.

These changes could also harm dog welfare. Pack walks are crucial for socialization, behavior, and overall well-being. If restrictions make these walks less accessible, many dogs will lose these benefits, leading to behavioral problems and potentially more dogs needing rehoming.

Rather than imposing limits, I suggest:

Setting professional standards for dog walkers, including mandatory training and certification.

Creating designated areas for off-leash group walks.

Strengthening enforcement of dog welfare and desexing requirements.

This approach would promote responsible ownership, professional expertise, and effective management, ensuring a safer environment for both dogs and the community.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, name, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

That, from the proposal to "set a limit on the number of dogs a person may walk at one time (maximum of six dogs, of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time)" delete the following: " of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Submission on

Dog policy, bylaw and regional and local park access rules

Submitter

[redacted]

Submitter Details

Full Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

Summary of my submissions

1. That, from the proposal to *"set a limit on the number of dogs a person may walk at one time (maximum of six dogs, of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time)"* delete the following: *", of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time".*
2. That the proposed rule change for Monte Cecilia Park in the Puketāpapa Local Area Board that "Dogs allowed under control on a leash at all times (Schedule 1 (4)(a))" be rejected as being ill thought out and subject to question as to the impartiality of the decision.
3. That the area of the Monte Cecelia Park where dogs are allowed off-leash be extended.

Introduction

It appears to me that much of this proposal stems from fear and a total lack of appreciation or understanding of the wonderful relationship that exists between humans and dogs, the incredibly positive impact dogs have on the lives of so many of us, particularly the young and the elderly, and from an inability of the proposal drafters to accept that fear of dogs is not rational and that the problem is not the dog but the fear. Dogs are one of the first two mammals introduced to Aotearoa by humans and lived happily alongside Tangata Whenua for many hundreds of years without restriction until the arrival of Pākehā and Tauiwi with their different cultures and prejudices. In fact right up until the last 25 years. There are already far too few places for a dog to run off lead and further reducing the area is simply unconscionable.

According to the Animal Management Annual Report 2023 – 2024 there are >135,546 dogs in Auckland. If each dog has three people living with it that's over 400,000 people in Auckland sharing their accommodation with a dog. Nearly 25% of the population live with dogs.
In the year of the report there were 22,198 unregistered dogs.
In the year of the report there were 26,746 complaints (15,146 for roaming), i.e. about 110 per working day. There were 109 prosecutions in the year. Obviously there are huge problems with irresponsible dog owners but how is reducing the off leash area going to help those statistics? You need to be increasing the off leash area – not penalising the responsible dog owners.

Dog Walker limits

When I read, on page 2 of the Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw, that you recommend setting *"...a limit on the number of dogs a person may walk at one time (maximum of six dogs, of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time)"* it became immediately apparent to me that this entire project carries the hallmark of having been captured by people who fear dogs, who have little or no understanding about dogs and who have absolutely no idea how unbelievably stupid that proposal is in practice. It's beyond stupid, it's moronic. A maximum of six I totally agree with and think it makes very good sense; I support that part of the proposal. However, dogs on a leash can be very unsettled when there are other dogs in the vicinity running free. Having three of them attached to a handler at once is potentially very dangerous to the dogwalker and limits the ability of the dogwalker to control the other three. I'd have hoped that anyone, and everyone, involved in formulating this proposal would have had some understanding at least of dog behaviour and been aware of this. Obviously not, which again reinforces my questions concerning the objectivity (or lack of) of this proposal and it's capture by people who are frightened of dogs.

I submit that the words ", of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time." be removed from the proposal.

Monte Cecilia Park

Attached hereto as Appendix A is part of a document I downloaded from the Auckland Council website shortly before the "Dog policy, bylaw and regional and local park access rules" report appeared on 20/01/2025. I have looked for it online again but can't find it. Either it's been removed or maybe I simply can't find it. The page numbering is mine.
Look at Page 1 – note how many requests we are talking about here. Seven!
Look at Page 2 – note the "Criteria not met". That means the Criteria for change is not met.
Look at Page 7 – note "There is no structural problem nor significant risks identified"
Look at Page 8 – note the Recommendation "**Based on the analysis against the criteria above, Option 1 (status quo) is the most appropriate way to address achieve the objective to provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone."** and **"for Monte Cecelia Park - it will retain current use of public space that balances the needs of dog owners and other visitors of the park."**

Now look at Appendix B an extract from the minutes of the Puketapapa Local Board 05 December 2024.
Please read sections 5 & 6. You will note that staff now appear to be recommending option 2. The staff report clearly recommends Option one yet the minutes of the Board meeting clearly state that staff recommend option two.

Is it possible that the Puketāpapa Local Board may have chosen to ignore the recommendation of staff, and ignored the fact that no consideration was given to the request for more access? Could this lead one to question whether the Puketāpapa Local Board's recommendation was a foregone conclusion and is based on the personal preferences of the Puketāpapa Local Board and not based on a staff recommendation at all? Could this whole exercise be a charade?
I submit that the above warrants further investigation before a final decision can be made.

Conclusion

I submit that, based on the above discrepancy, the Puketāpapa Local Board's decision to amend the dog access rules is, at best, suspect and not based on adequate research. It should be treated as unreliable and ignored. Probably it should be investigated.

I further submit that, at the very least, consideration be given to extending the times and/or areas where off-leash dogs are permitted at Monte Cecelia Park. I suggest the entire area to the north of, and including, the bowl be an off leash area.

I wish to be heard on my submission.

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Attachment B: Assessment of dog access rule change requests against regulatory criteria

Part 1: Summary of Assessment

Change requests:

Location (requestor)	Change requested	Reason for change request
Freeland Reserve (Request from: Auckland Council Park Services staff)	**Decrease dog access** from under control off a leash at any time to under control on a leash at all times.	The park has been through recent development and is no longer suitable for dog off-leash access.
John Moore Reserve (Request from: Auckland Council Park Services staff)	**Increase dog access** from under control on a leash at all times to under control off a leash at any time.	Opportunity for off-leash access in an area with limited dog off-leash public spaces.
Monte Cecilia Park (Request from: members of the public)	**Conflicting views:** • Two requests for more dog access (more off-leash areas). • One request for less dog access (to make the whole park on-leash). • Four requests for more penalties, enforcement, and better signage.	• The request for more dog access is to provide more recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners. • The requests for less dog less access are due to requestors having had a negative experience of dogs at the park. • The requests for more penalties, enforcement and better signage is due to non-compliance observed at the park.
Smallfield Reserve (Request from: Auckland Council Park Services staff)	**Increase dog access** from under control on a leash at all times to under control off a leash at any time.	Opportunity for off-leash access in an area with limited dog off-leash public spaces.
Walmsley Park and Underwood Park (Request from: Auckland Council Park Services staff)	**Decrease dog access** from under control off a leash at any time to under control on a leash at all times.	The parks has been through recent development and is no longer suitable for dog off-leash access.

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Preliminary assessment summary

Request Location	Key findings of assessment	Criteria met / not met
Smallfield Reserve	There is evidence of an opportunity to better utilise an undeveloped open grass area to provide more recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners without creating significant risks to other users of the park.	✓ Criteria met
John Moore Reserve	There is evidence of an opportunity to provide a new off-leash area that would provide more recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners without creating significant risks to other users of the park.	✓ Criteria met
Freeland Reserve	There is evidence of structural change of increased park use due to recent development of the park but off-leash dogs present no significant risks to visitors.	× Criteria not met
Walmsley Park and Underwood Park	There is evidence of structural change of increased park use due to recent development of the park, but off-leash dogs present no significant risks to visitors.	× Criteria not met
Monte Cecila Park	There is no evidence of structural change. The park remains popular for people both with and without dogs with equally strong divergent views whether dogs should be allowed off-leash. The Local Board in 2015 [PKTPP/2015/65] created an off-leash area to provide balanced opportunities for everyone. Compliance and signage are addressed as operational matters	× Criteria not met

Option analysis summary

Smallfield Reserve	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Validity
Option 1 (Status quo) – No change to the current on-leash rule at the reserve.	×	×	×
Option 2 (Amend rule) (Recommended) – Allow dogs off-leash at the reserve.	✓	✓	✓

Recommended option:

- will provide more off-leash dog access for responsible dog owners without creating significant risks to other users
- will better utilise the open grass area and create additional recreational value for dogs and their owners
- is authorised under s10(3)(a-e) and has regard to the matters in s10(4) of the DCA, is consistent with the Policy's Dog Access Principles and considers the Policy criteria for changes to dog access rules.

There is no trade-off between Options 1 and 2 except a small implementation cost of around $50 – this covers the signage costs and courier.

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PART 2: Detailed tables

Location – Smallfield Reserve

Smallfield Reserve, Mount Roskill, Auckland.

- Smallfield Reserve is an undeveloped open grassed space located in Smallfield Avenue in the Three Kings suburb. It is 1,200m² in size and does not have other features such as a playground or sports field. On street parking is available.
- The reserve is located in an urban suburb, 85m away from Kāinga Ora developments.



Current dog access rule – Smallfield Reserve

Rules in Policy

The current rule is the default rule (on-leash) from Schedule 1 as Smallfield Reserve is not listed under Schedule 2.

(4) Default dog access rules

Unless otherwise stated in Schedule 2 the following default rules apply:

(a) Dogs must be under control on a leash in all council-controlled public places where there are no physical restrictions to access (such as fences or other indoor facilities)

Findings assessment – Smallfield Reserve

Is there a structural change in the nature of the area?

✓ Yes. A new off-leash opportunity has been identified at Smallfield Reserve to provide more recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners.

Are there any significant risk factors at location as a result of the change in the nature of the area?

× No.

- There are no known risks to people, flora, fauna, domestic animals, livestock, or property. Smallfield Reserve has no key features such as playgrounds, or sports fields as it is undeveloped open space.
- There have been no recorded dog related incidents from the 2019 – 2023 Request for Services data.

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Is there a structural problem with the current dog access rules that requires an options analysis?
✓ Yes. A new off-leash opportunity has been identified at Smallfield Reserve to provide more recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners without creating risks to other users as it is undeveloped green space.

Options assessment – Smallfield Reserve	
Note: The effectiveness and efficiency assessment is in relation to the Policy on Dog Access Principles (to "provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone"), consideration of Policy criteria for changes to dog access rules and has regard to the matters in s10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996 (DCA).	
Option 1: Status quo	**Option 2: Amend rule** (Recommended)
This option would mean – Dogs allowed under control on a leash at all times at Smallfield Reserve (Schedule 1 (4)(a)).	This option would mean – Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time at Smallfield Reserve (Schedule 2).
Implementation	
Decision-making process • No additional costs. • No requirement to use of Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) and no change to signage. **Administration** • Animal Management staff continue (as prioritised resource allows) to patrol location to educate dog owners and where appropriate to issue infringements. • Staff to update webpage and signage.	**Decision-making process** • Requires use of the SCP. • Local Board adopts proposed change for public consultation. • Governing Body funds generic SCP process (public notice for feedback and decision, co-ordinates 'have your say events' and deliberations and updates where you can walk your dog and Policy information. • Local Board funds cost of any bespoke SCP initiatives and local board time and resource for 'have your say events' and deliberations. • One new sign (small sign) and courier cost – around $50 in total. **Administration** • Same as Option 1.
Effectiveness	
× Less effective than Option 2 — Fails to provide off-leash in an area with no significant risks to people, animal or habitat that would provide more recreational opportunities for dog owners and dogs.	✓ More effective than Option 1 — It provides more off-leash opportunities for dog owners and residents without creating significant risks to other users.

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Efficiency	
✗ Least cost option (no cost to local board), **however** in the long-term it fails to provide off-leash access in a community with limited off-leash opportunities while there are no significant risks to other users.	✓ More efficient than Option 1. Same cost as Option 1, **however** in the long-term it provides more off-leash opportunities for dogs and dog owners in an area with limited off-leash opportunities and where there are no significant risks to other users.
Validity	
✓ Inclusion of dog access rules in the Policy is authorised by s10(3a-e) of the DCA, the DCA is the primary legislation to manage dog access, and the option has regard to matters in section 10(4) of DCA.	
✗ Less reasonable than Option 2 — The restriction on responsible dog owners' freedom is not justifiable as there are no known risks to people, flora, fauna, domestic animals, livestock, or property.	✓ More reasonable than Option 1 — This option removes unreasonable limitations on dog owners' freedom of movement and allows for a more balanced use of public space between users.
Risk and mitigation	
Risk: IF the current rules are retained, THEN there will likely be a minor reputational risk to the council for not taking advantage of a new off-leash dog opportunity at an appropriate location that is under-utilised. **Mitigation:** Communicate available off-leash areas nearby.	**Risk:** No risks identified. **Mitigation:** n/a.
RECOMMENDATION	
Based on the analysis against the criteria above, Option 2 (amend rule) is the most appropriate way to address the structural problem and achieve the objective to provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone. Taking this approach: • will provide more off-leash dog access for responsible dog owners without creating significant risks to other users • will better utilise the open grass area and create additional recreational value for dogs and their owners • is authorised under s10(3)(a-e) and has regard to the matters in s10(4) of the DCA, is consistent with the Policy's Dog Access Principles and considers the Policy criteria for changes to dog access rules. No trade-offs were identified in the options analysis except a small implementation cost of around $50 – for one new sign and courier.	

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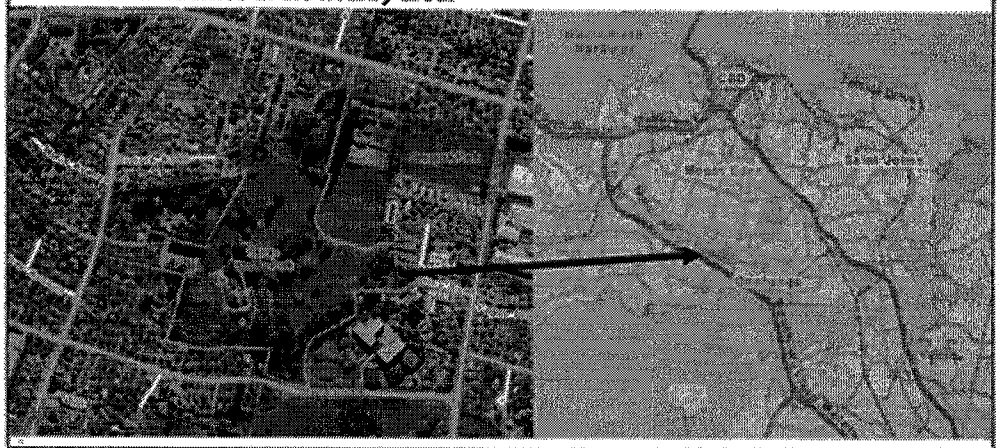
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Location – Monte Cecilia Park

Monte Cecilia Park, Monte Cecilia Park, Auckland.

- Monte Cecilia Park is a medium-sized park located in a residential area. It is relatively central in location with a number of access points, including off a main road (Hillsborough Road) which leads to a carparking area, next to which there is an art gallery (the Pah Homestead) and a café.
- The park is a particularly suitable location for walking, offering both covered and (mostly) uncovered pathways. There is also ample open grass spaces. The steep bowl area in the northern side of the park allows dogs off-leash at all times. This area is also used for Movies in the Park events in the summer.
- The park is well utilised by locals and is considered to offer an authentic experience of a typical old English countryside estate. It is noted that there are a number of retirement homes in the nearby area.



Current dog access rule – Monte Cecilia Park

Rules in Policy	Rules as stated on webpage
Park areas	
Off-leash At any time This covers the naturally formed bowl on the north-eastern side of the park between Pah Homestead and the Knoll.	
Other areas	
On-leash At all times	

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Findings assessment – Monte Cecilia Park
Is there a structural change in the nature of the area?
* No. No structural change identified at Monte Cecilia Park.
Are there any significant risk factors at location as a result of the change in the nature of the area?
* No significant risk factors identified. • Monte Cecilia Park is a popular park with many visitors. The popularity of the park poses a potential risk of competition over space between dogs, their owners and other users of the park. Local Board in 2015 [PKTPP/2015/65] created an off-leash area to provide balanced opportunities for everyone. • There have been reports of non-compliance of dog owners not following the dog access rules – these incidents were addressed separately as operational matters.
Is there a structural problem with the current dog access rules that requires an options analysis?
* No. There is no structural problem nor significant risks identified.

Options assessment – Freeland Reserve, Waimokoi Park and Underwood Park and Monte Cecilia Park	
Note: The effectiveness and efficiency assessment is in relation to the Policy on Dog Access Principles (to "provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone"), consideration of Policy criteria for changes to dog access rules and has regard to the matters in s10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996 (DCA).	
Option 1: Status quo (Recommended)	**Option 2: Amend rule**
This option would retain the current rules at the three parks.	This option would provide more or less dog access in accordance with the change requests.
Implementation	
Decision-making process • No additional costs. • No requirement to use of Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) and no change to signage. **Administration** • Animal Management staff continue (as prioritised resource allows) to patrol location to educate dog owners and where appropriate to issue infringements. • Staff to update webpage and signage.	**Decision-making process** • Requires use of the SCP. • Local Board adopts proposed change for public consultation. • Governing Body funds generic SCP process (public notice for feedback and decision, co-ordinates 'have your say events' and deliberations and updates where you can walk your dog and Policy information. • Local Board funds cost of any bespoke SCP initiatives and local board time and resource for 'have your say events' and deliberations. • The implementation cost will need to be determined (e.g. new signage). **Administration** • Same as Option 1.

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Effectiveness and efficiency	
✓ More effective and efficient than Option 2 — For Freeland Reserve, Walmsley Park and Underwood Park, it will continue the current off-leash access that provides recreational value to dogs and their owners without significant risk to other park users. For Monte Cecilia Park, it will continue with previous local board decision that provides balance use of park space between dog owners and other users of the park.	× Less effective and efficient than Option 1, as it will change the current balanced use of the public space between dog owners and other park users.
Validity	
✓ Inclusion of dog access rules in the Policy is authorised by s10(3a-e) of the DCA, the DCA is the primary legislation to manage dog access, and the option has regard to matters in section 10(4) of DCA.	
✓ More reasonable option — The current rules already provide a balance of freedom and restrictions to responsible dog owners proportionate to the level of risk dogs pose on other visitors of the parks.	× Less reasonable option — Changes to increase or reduce freedom of responsible dog owners will not appropriately reflect the level of risks.
Risk and mitigation	
Risk: IF the current rules are retained, THEN there will likely be a low risk that some people might be concerned about potential risk dogs pose on other visitors of the parks. **Mitigation:** Staff continue to enforce the rules and communicate the rationale for the current rules.	**Risk:** IF the current rules are amended to provide more or less dog access in the parks, THEN there is a moderate risk that people may think the change is unreasonable. **Mitigation:** Communication that public feedback will be sought before making a final decision.
RECOMMENDATION	
Based on the analysis against the criteria above, Option1 (status quo) is the most appropriate way to address achieve the objective to provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone. Taking this approach: • for Freeland Reserve, Walmsley Park and Underwood Park – it will remain current off-leash opportunities for dogs and their owners with no significant risk • for Monte Cecilia Park – it will retain current use of public space that balances the needs of dog owners and other visitors of the park • is authorised under s10(3)(a-e) and has regard to the matters in s10(4) of the DCA, is consistent with the Policy's Dog Access Principles and considers the Policy criteria for changes to dog access rules. Trade-off between Options 1 and 2 is providing more or less opportunities for dog owners that fails to achieve a balanced use of public space between dog owners and other park users.	

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Puketāpapa Local Board

05 December 2024

Request for change to local dog access rule

File No.: CP2024/16843

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To seek a decision on whether to propose changes to local dog access rules in the local board area for the purposes of public consultation.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

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- Option one (Status quo, no change to current local dog access rule)
- Option two (Amend local dog access rule).

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Ngā tūtohunga

#6860

Dog policy, bylaw and regional and local park access rules

[redacted] - My Say

Presentation:

I've come here today to talk about three things:

1. Dog walkers
2. Monte Cecelia Park
3. Dogs

Dog walkers

When I read, on page 2 of the Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw, that you recommend setting "…a limit on the number of dogs a person may walk at one time (maximum of six dogs, of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time)" it became immediately apparent to me that this entire project carries the hallmark of having been captured by people who fear dogs and who have little or no understanding about dogs. A maximum of six I totally agree with and think it makes very good sense; I support that part of the proposal.

However, dogs on a leash can be very unsettled when there are other dogs in the vicinity running free. Having three of them attached to a handler at the same time is potentially very dangerous to the dogwalker and limits the ability of the dogwalker to control the three dogs running free. This part of the proposal is, I submit, stupid.

I propose you remove the words ".., of which no more than three are allowed under control off-leash at any one time."

Monte Cecelia

I have part of a document here that I downloaded from the Auckland Council website shortly before the "Dog policy, bylaw and regional and local park access rules" report appeared on 20/01/2025. I have looked for it online again but can't find it. Either it's been removed or maybe I simply can't find it. I have labelled it Appendix A - the page numbering is mine.
Look at Page 1 – note how many requests we are talking about here. Seven! Actually 6 per OIA.
Look at Page 2 – note the "Criteria not met". That means the Criteria for change is not met.
Look at Page 7 – note "There is no structural problem nor significant risks identified"
Look at Page 8 – note the Recommendation "**Based on the analysis against the criteria above, Option 1 (status quo) is the most appropriate way to address achieve (sic) the objective to provide a balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners that is safe for everyone." and "for Monte Cecelia Park - it will retain current use of public space that balances the needs of dog owners and other visitors of the park."**

Now look at the last page **Appendix B 1** which you may recognise as being an extract from the minutes of a Puketāpapa Local Board meeting held on 05 December 2024.
Look at section 6 which clearly states "**Staff recommend Option two".**

Are you not confused? I certainly am. Are you not just a little suspicious?" I certainly am.
Am I taking part in some kind of Kafkaesque charade where all the rules are followed, i.e., we call for a report from staff, we call for submissions from the public, we listen to submissions from the public, and then we do whatever it is we have already decided to do, notwithstanding it's different from the staff report and the vast majority of the submissions from the public? Or is just a typo? Further on in the section staff appear to have recommended Option One.

I submit that Option One is the correct option and that Option one (Status quo) be adopted.

Dogs

I've had a look at the Animal Management Annual report 2023 – 2024.
Here are some facts I derived from that report:

There were 135,546 dogs in Auckland – there's probably more.

22,198 or 16%, say again 16%, of them unregistered. That's probably wildly optimistic too.

There were 15,146 roaming dog complaints

There were 22,142 other complaints

That's a total of 37,558 complaints or over 150 complaints every working day.

There were 2,846 dog attacks investigated.

There were 109 prosecutions raised.

Auckland currently has 6,438 dogs classified as menacing and 13 dogs classified as dangerous. This is a 19 per cent increase in the number of high-risk dogs. The overall compliance rate with the requirement for menacing and dangerous dogs to be desexed was 69 per cent., which is 10 per cent lower than the previous year.

Comment
You have to accept that Auckland Council has a serious problem with dogs.
How do you deal with >150 complaints a day? You don't, you can't. It simply isn't possible.
Auckland Council needs to accept that it has very serious problems and that it isn't showing that it has even the remotest idea as to how to deal with it.

There are a number of people who simply don't like dogs, dogs do have some disgusting habits – none of them as disgusting as the habits of some humans, to be fair.
There are a number of people who fear dogs – it's not a totally stupid fear – from time to time dogs do do some serious damage to people. But if my dog is under control and no threat to you then your fear is your problem, not mine, not Auckland Council's, it's yours, and it's yours alone.

Dogs are not going to go away, dogs are here to stay. If you think that making Monte Cecilia an on-lead dog park is going to even scratch the surface of the problem Auckland Council has with dogs you've probably got no right to be sitting in that chair.

Kua mutu.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead

I want OFF LEASH at all times.

This is a popular, safe and spacious area for all to enjoy. Keep it that way.

see attached

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Tell us why

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From: [redacted]
To: dogsbylawreview
Subject: Change to submission by [redacted]
Date: Thursday, 30 January 2025 2:59:06 pm
Attachments: Glover Park_Maddills.pdf

The online submission process is very difficult to follow. There is no ability to go back (even though warned upfront) and so no idea where to correctly input feedback. Specially please add the following and attached document so it can be recorded in the correct part

Te Ārai Regional Park
Leave rules unchanged
Regarding Forestry Beach- Te Arai South.
KEEP OPEN AS OFF-LEASH AREA.
This is a largely vacant beach area where many people bring their dogs to run freely and swim in the surf. I would fully support keeping off the dunes except for designated beach access points, while being mindful of wildlife and dune conservation.
Te Arai North, where sensitive bird nesting areas are common, is already no dog access.
POINT 3- STRONGLY DISAGREE. This removes any access to even including a dog in a car- NO

4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches Ōrākei Local Board Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park.
I Reject all proposals. See Attached
Kind regards

[redacted]

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Specifically relating to Glover Park.

Background Analysis of Glover Park 2012 By Auckland Council

Zoning: The reserve is divided into two recreational open space activity zones: Open Space 1 (Conservation) – applies to the elevated northwestern portion of the park in the vicinity of the former pa site. This area is scheduled as a place of archaeological and geological significance. 9 Objective: To provide for the conservation and protection of areas of particular scenic, heritage, natural or habitat value. Open Space 3 (Organised Recreation) – applies to the remainder of the reserve including open playing fields and the elevated slopes to the south, east and northeast. Objective: To provide for organised sports and **recreation activities which are compatible with the physical characteristics of the land and which do not impact adversely on the amenity and quality of the surrounding environment.**

Dog walking, both on and off lead, aligns with the Council's objectives and was recognized as a positive existing feature. There is no mention of exclusive use by sports activities.

Input Regarding Both Glover and Madills

The priority is to preserve the current conditions at both Madills Farm and Glover Park. These parks are community facilities designed for diverse uses, not exclusively for runners, soccer players, and cricket players. Uneven surfaces are caused by multiple factors, including sprinklers, goal posts, and machinery, not solely dog activity. The fields can be damaged by teams playing against each other, which necessitates maintenance by Council grounds staff. Both parks are constructed on former swamp land, and substantial funds have been allocated to address flooding issues to facilitate the sports fields. Pockets of boggy area still exist at the height of summer. I have observed children digging up the turf while playing, under the supervision of their parents.

It is inaccurate to attribute these issues exclusively to dog activity.

As a superannuitant undergoing long-term recovery from an accident, these level, pathed parks are crucial for exercising both myself and my well-trained dog. I consistently clean up after her and recommend implementing fines for those who do not, as it detracts from the experience for the majority of park users.

Ensuring that dogs receive off-leash exercise is crucial for their well-being, and it is the responsibility of dog owners across all age groups to facilitate this activity. It is encouraging to observe young children seeking permission prior to petting a dog, as this practice can significantly reduce the risk of incidents involving dogs that are timid or not well-socialized.

If these parks were removed, the available areas would be significantly limited. The only other nearby alternative is Churchill Park, which features cattle, uneven and muddy paths, and occasional tick infestations. This may not be a suitable option for many individuals, me included.

The accumulation of rubbish of various kinds after sporting events necessitates cleanup efforts from other individuals. Implementing additional rubbish bins a could potentially encourage more responsible behaviour from attendees. Providing Doggy Doo bins/bags could also help. Road congestion and parking challenges, especially during organised sporting events, have also been a concern for residents.
Outside sport events, parks are underutilised and offer a shared space for everyone. Dogs should be kept off playgrounds at all times and off sports fields during play. Otherwise, parks are a community resource to be shared openly.
Dog owners in the parks generally ensure their dogs are well-behaved. It is suggested to address issues with the small number of non-compliant owners rather than imposing penalties on the majority who act responsibly.

Dog registration fees and Auckland Council rates contribute to the maintenance of amenities and services. These contributions should ensure that all family members have access to shared amenities.

In conclusion, it appears that this review is driven by a small group of individuals who may struggle to acknowledge that all recreational users have equal rights to enjoy communal and public facilities. By imposing further restrictions on access to these areas, the Council may unintentionally increase the risk of harm by limiting responsible dog owners' opportunities to adequately exercise and socialize their pets.

Maintain the current access rules, but enhance enforcement and increase penalties under existing laws. This includes addressing stray dogs, particularly those involved in attacks on other humans and animals, improving registration compliance, enforcing leash regulations in designated areas, and ensuring responsible pet ownership.

Educate owners, the public, and kids. Dogs used to be man's best friend, but lawmakers seem to have forgotten that.

Mangawhai

Tara Iti Golf Club

DOGS PROHIBITED

Forestry Beach

WE WANT TO KEEP ACCESS HERE

AND

LAND

ARAI POINT

Te Arai Links

Te Arai

Tomarata Domain

Tomarata

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Goat Island Marine Reserve

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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.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Kia ora,

I do not support the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry beach, Te Arai or the many other proposed restrictions on where people can walk their dogs.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Hi am sending an email to petition the banning of dogs at forest road te arai beach access.

Ban the dogs you ban the people. We want public access to remain and families to enjoy the space. Dogs are family members and a reason people go out and thus a bi

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Tēnā koe,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the proposed changes to the dog policy, particularly the limit on the number of dogs per walker. While I understand the need for responsible dog management, simply restricting numbers does not address the real issue—ensuring walkers have the skills and training to handle dogs safely.

Untrained individuals walking even a small number of large or reactive dogs can still pose risks. A more effective approach would be to introduce licensing and training requirements for professional dog walkers, similar to Wellington, ensuring they are certified in areas such as first aid and responsible handling.

The proposal also fails to distinguish between professional dog walkers and casual owners. Professionals dedicate their careers to understanding canine behaviour and already follow best practices, such as assessing dogs before integrating them into group walks. Imposing arbitrary limits could make their services less viable, reducing access to structured socialisation and exercise, which are crucial for dog welfare.

Additionally, the policy does not address the issue of unregulated roaming dogs, which often contribute to safety concerns. Stronger enforcement of desexing and responsible ownership would be a more meaningful step toward reducing issues in public spaces.

Rather than capping numbers, I urge the Council to consider:

Establishing training and licensing requirements for professional dog walkers.

Designating specific areas for off-leash pack walks.

Strengthening enforcement of dog welfare and desexing requirements.

By focusing on walker expertise and responsible ownership, the Council can create a safer, more effective policy that benefits both dogs and the wider community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly disagree with the proposal to ban dogs at Foresty beaches. It's absolutely ridiculous.

We would drive from Auckland to Forestry to surf so we could bring our dog with us. It's very difficult to enjoy time outside with our dog and family in Au

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I'm writing to explain my sadness of the proposal to reduce further the amount of off leash dog friendly areas around Auckland.

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Please do not further reduce the areas dogs are currently allowed to go.

Yesterday my partner and I were exceptionally saddened to find we could not bring her dog on a bush walk to Puhuehue falls just south of Warkworth. We would have been happy to keep him on a leash in this instance if allowed but instead he was left at home getting no exercise and looking sad as we left.

Further more I'm a very regular user of beaches with my dog Tia. Outside of duck/pheasant shooting season the beach is virtually the only way I can exercise her.

Te Arai Forestry beach has been one of the main ones we visit when we go surfing in the summer time, it would be awful for her high energy breed (half border collie) if I could no longer exercise her. She needs to be at the beach because she has a condition called Border Collie collapse syndrome. The symptoms of this can be control with very regular dips in the ocean to cool off. With out this she would be left with far to much unused energy.

A tired dog is a good dog, and a good dog is a tired dog.

This saying goes especially true in the first two years of a dogs life as they are developing.

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I believe that further reducing dogs access to beaches will also have detrimental effects to a dogs socialization as has happened during the dogs of the covid lockdown.

With less socialization there will be more troublesome dogs! Young dogs NEED to get out onto places like the beach where the can meet other, especially older dogs that will help shape their social skills.

Lastly, there's already significantly more than enough beaches around with dog restrictions, people who don't wish to be around dogs have more than enough options currently..

Attached is a photo of Tia and I doing what we do most weekends.

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