



Local dog access rules review 2025

**Summary of feedback received during
Auckland Council's public consultation
from 20 January to 23 February 2025**





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Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

This report summarises feedback received during the consultation period of 20 January to 23 February 2025 on local dog access rules.

It does not provide advice or recommendations based on the feedback received.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

TOTAL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED: 7,101

Overview of the consultation

During the consultation period of 20 January to 23 February 2025, we consulted the public on the dog policy and bylaw (including regional park access rules), and a local dog access rules review.

Our dog policy helps us:

- keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders
- minimises the problems that dogs can cause
- ensures the welfare of dogs.

Our bylaw implements the policy.

In this review, we proposed:

- set a limit on the number of dogs a person can walk at one time in council-controlled public places
- clarify and update dog access rules for 14 regional parks
- clarify and update dog access rules for 64 local parks and beaches
- remove outdated or repeated information
- improve the layout and make the wording clearer.

The focus of this report is the **local dog access rules only**.

The local dog access rules support responsible dog ownership. They set out which local parks, beach and foreshore areas are dog friendly and which are dog-free.

Submissions received for local access rules: 4,628

A high-level summary of overall results by each local board includes:

- **Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed changes for Sandhills Reserve
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes for Gooseberry Flat and Pah Beach.
- **Franklin Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed reclassification of 'designated dog exercise areas' to 'off-leash'
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed reclassification of Patumahoe Recreation Reserve to 'on-leash', and to proposed changes to Clevedon Showgrounds Reserve, Kawakawa Bay Beach, shell banks and coastal areas Waiau Pa to Ellets Beach, and sports fields in former Franklin District.
- **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Big Manly Beach and Tindalls Beach.
- **Howick Local Board**
 - Support was **split** on the proposed changes to Lloyd Elsmore Park.
- **Kaipātiki Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed changes to Foreshore between Sulphur Beach Reserve and Gold Hole Reserve, Kukari Park, Te Ara Awataha Greenway, and 54 Tonar Street
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Kauri Glen Reserve, Kauri Park, Kauri Point Domain, Leigh Scenic Reserve, Muriel Fisher Reserve, Soldiers Bay, Soldiers Bay Reserve, and Søren G Christensen Reserve.
- **Ōrākei Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park.
- **Puketāpapa Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed changes to John Moore Reserve, and Smallfield Reserve
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Freeland Reserve, Monte Cecilia Park, Underwood Park, and Walmsley Park.
- **Rodney Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Parry Kauri Park, Snells Beach, Vera Reserve Baddeleys Road, Baddeleys Creek Reserve and Pigeon Place Accessway, and Wonderview Road Esplanade.
- **Upper Harbour Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed changes to Rosedale Park.
- **Waiheke Local Board**
 - A majority of submitters **supported** the proposed changes to Big Oneroa Beach, and Onetangi Beach (though locals were mostly opposed)
 - A majority of submitters were **opposed** to the proposed changes to Blackpool Beach.

Submissions of note

In response to our proposal to amend the access rules, we received a number of submissions via a pro forma campaign initiated by **Dog Friends Auckland**. The number of these submissions in relation to the specific local proposals is outlined below:

Local board area and park or beach	Number of campaign submissions
Hibiscus and Bays – Big Manly Beach	280
Hibiscus and Bays – Tindalls Beach	281
Ōrākei - Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park	5
Rodney – Snells Beach	258
Waiheke – Big Oneroa Beach	5
Waiheke – Onetangi Beach	5

Further, in response to our proposal to amend the access rules for Monte Cecilia Park, one individual submitted a petition which received 1,065 signatures.

The petition urges the local board to preserve the ‘bowl area’ at Monte Cecilia Park as an off-leash space. A copy of their submission and the details of the petition can be found in their attachment (submission #6967).

Detailed information about these submissions is provided in **Attachment Two**.

Who we heard from

A detailed breakdown of providers of feedback that provided demographic information when submitting feedback is provided in **Attachment One**. Some key points to note include:

- Around two thirds of submitters (66 per cent) were between the ages of 35 and 64 years
- 80 per cent were of European ethnicity, while eight per cent identified as Asian, six per cent identified as Māori, and two per cent identified as Pasifika
- Regarding location, submitters that identified as being from Ōrākei received a significant portion of all submissions (21 per cent), while submitters from the Rodney and Hibiscus and Bays local boards also made up a large portion (10 and eight per cent respectively).

A further breakdown of the submitter demographics for the local board areas that proposed access rule changes in their area can be found in **Attachment One**.

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Feedback

The following breakdown of feedback received summarises ‘top line’ responses from individuals and organisations. Common themes are identified from individuals’ comments but not from organisations. As the number of comments from organisations were relatively low, it is more difficult to report common themes.

Below is a list of parks or beaches, grouped by local board, that we are proposing to amend or clarify the local dog access rules.

Submitters were given the opportunity to provide feedback on any of these areas. They were also given an opportunity to provide feedback regarding dog access rules at other local parks or beaches.

The feedback provided on these proposals is summarised on the following pages.

Local board and park or beach area	Page
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Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	24-29
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Local board and park or beach area	Page
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Foreshore between Sulphur Beach Reserve and Gold Hole Reserve	32-33
Kauri Glen Reserve	34-35
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Kukari Park	40-41
Leigh Scenic Reserve	42-43
Muriel Fisher Reserve	44-45
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Soldiers Bay Reserve	48-49
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Te Ara Awataha Greenway	52-53
54 Tonar Street	54-55
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Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park	56-57
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Freeland Reserve	58-59
John Moore Reserve	60-61
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Underwood Park	66-67
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Local board and park or beach area	Page
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Vera Reserve Baddeleys Road, Baddeleys Creek Reserve and Pigeon Place Accessway	75-76
Wonderview Road Esplanade	77-78
Upper Harbour Local Board	79-80
Rosedale Park	79-80
Waiheke Local Board	81-87
Big Oneroa Beach	81-82
Blackpool Beach	83-84
Onetangi Beach	85-87
Other local access feedback	88

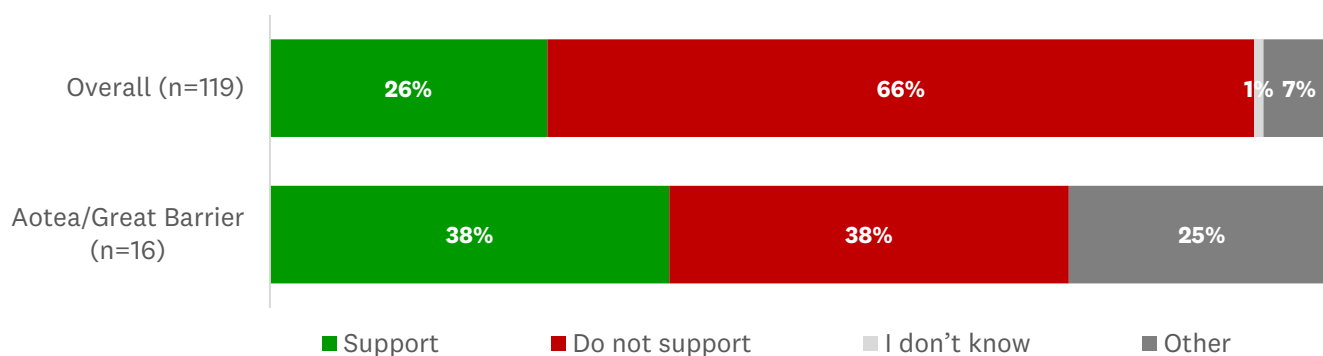
Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

1.1 Gooseberry Flat and Pah Beach

We are proposing to better protect vulnerable nesting shorebirds on Pah Beach by prohibiting dogs north of Blackwell Drive and allowing dogs on-leash south of Blackwell Drive and to clarify the rule (and effectively extend the off-leash area slightly) on Gooseberry Flat Beach.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 121 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Aotea/Great Barrier only
Support	31	6
Do not support	80	6
I don't know	1	0
Other	9	4
TOTAL	121	16

Tell us why

Open text question | 50 responses (41% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 40 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 17 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 10 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 10 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 10 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Of the nine individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were

- Four were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife

- Three were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the seven individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 14 per cent supported the proposal and 71 per cent did not support the proposal.

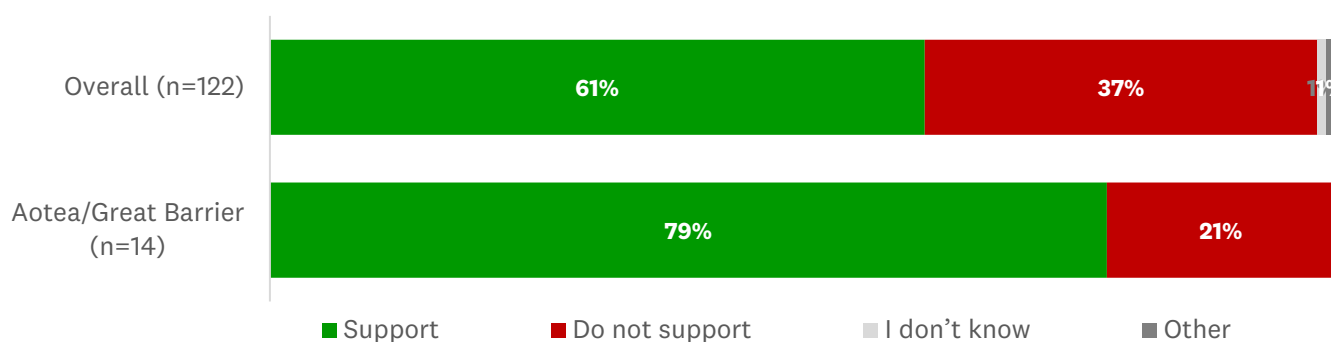
Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

1.2 Sandhills Reserve

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area on Great Barrier without significant risk to protected wildlife, flora, private property or dog owners (fence required to define boundaries and sign that dogs prohibited from adjoining Department of Conservation area).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 123 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Aotea/Great Barrier only
Support	75	11
Do not support	45	3
I don't know	2	0
Other	1	0
TOTAL	123	14

Tell us why

Open text question | 47 responses (38% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 24 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Eight discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Five wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Five expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- Five did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems

Of the 22 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Nine wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

- Seven wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Seven expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Five thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Feedback from Māori individuals

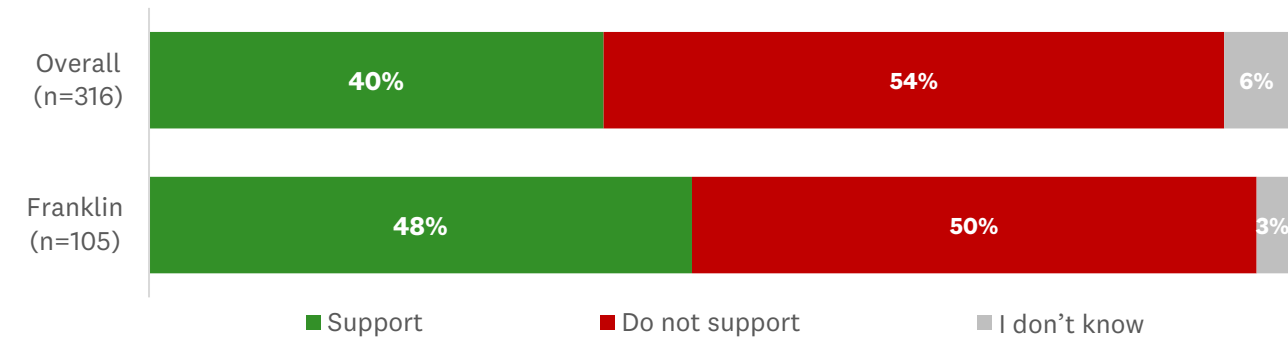
Of the seven individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 43 per cent supported the proposal and 43 per cent did not support the proposal.

2.1 Clevedon Showgrounds Reserve

We are proposing to minimise significant risks within sports field and equestrian areas while providing for off-leash and on-leash opportunities in appropriate areas by identifying an off-leash area in the central western section of the reserve and allowing dogs on-leash in other areas not already prohibited to dogs.

What do you think of this proposed change?

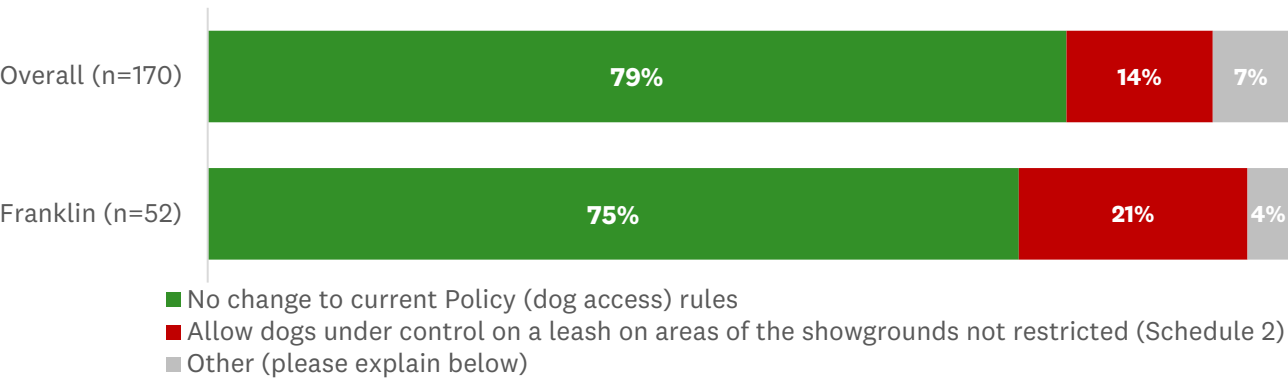
Single select question | 316 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	126	50
Do not support	172	52
I don't know	18	3
TOTAL	316	105

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

Single select question | 170 responses of 172 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Franklin only
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	135	39
Allow dogs under control on a leash on areas of the showgrounds not restricted (Schedule 2). Restricted areas: Dogs continue to be prohibited on sports surfaces (e.g. sports fields, tennis courts, skate park and dressage arena) and areas not under council control (e.g. leased areas), and under control on a leash in vicinity of sports surfaces when in use and on parking areas (Schedule 1).	23	11
Other	12	2
TOTAL	170	52

Tell us why

Open text question | 127 responses (40% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 98 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 43 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 42 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 33 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 30 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 30 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 22 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 22 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Of the 22 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Four thought dogs are a nuisance to other park users
- Four thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 23 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 52 per cent supported the proposal and 43 per cent did not support the proposal.

2.2 Designated dog exercise areas

Proposed designated dog access areas changes are for the following parks:

Cape Hill Reserve, East Coast Road Reserves, Te Uri o Taawhaki / Rātā Street Reserve (Esplanade reserve from Huia Street to Totara Street), Hickeys Reserve, Kariotahi Beach, Orua Bay, Patumahoe Recreation Reserve, Ngaati Urupikia / Riverside Drive Recreation Reserve (Reserve area along estuary access from Edgewater Parade and Riverside Drive), Roosevelt Reserve, Cloverlea Reserve.

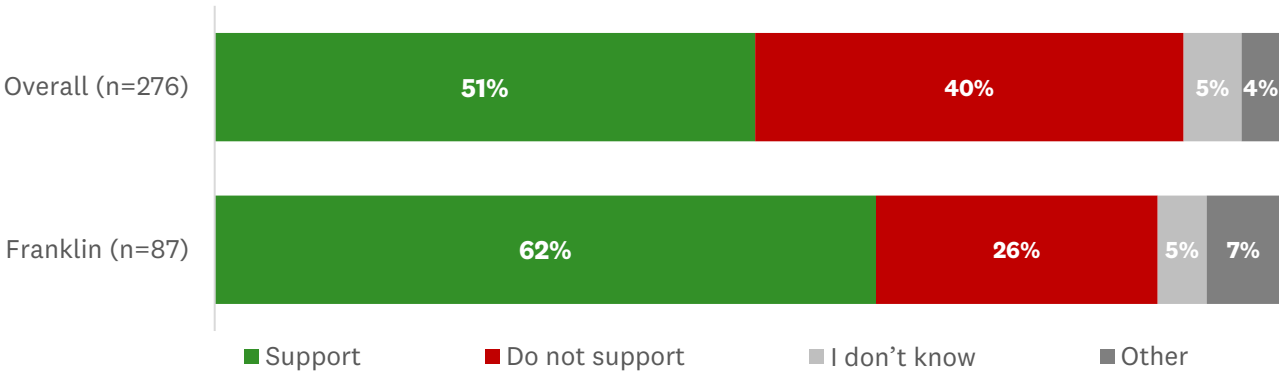
We are proposing to align with the Policy classification definitions for the types of dog access that defines ‘designated dog exercise areas’ as spaces where dog owners are the priority user and ‘off-leash’ places as spaces shared with other users.

We are proposing to reclassify Patumahoe Recreation Reserve as an on-leash area because the area is not suitable for off-leash access.

What do you think of this proposed change?

A. Reclassification of ‘designated dog exercise areas’ to ‘off-leash’

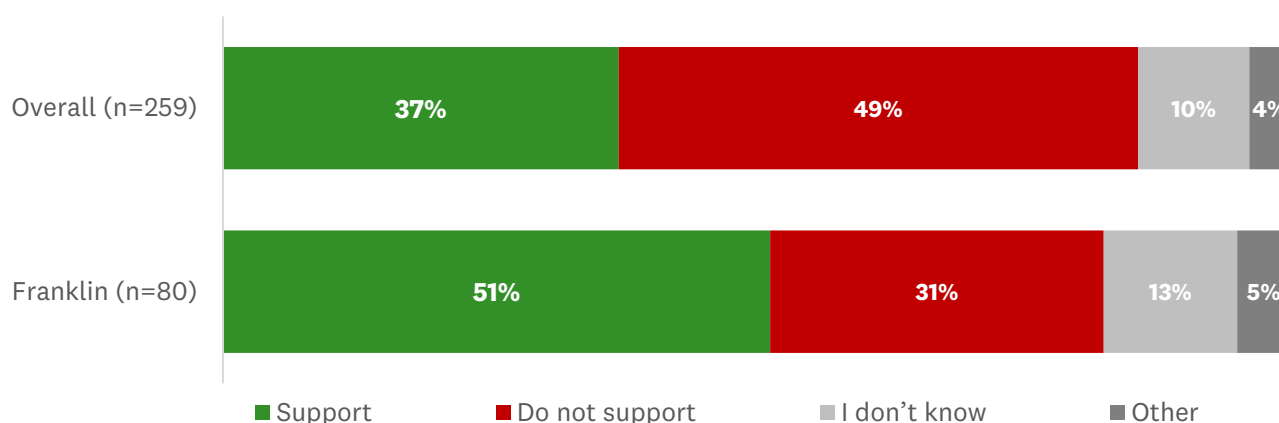
Single select question | 276 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	140	54
Do not support	11	23
I don't know	15	4
Other	10	6
TOTAL	276	87

B. Reclassification of Patumahoe Recreation Reserve to 'on-leash'

Single select question | 259 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	96	41
Do not support	126	25
I don't know	27	10
Other	10	4
TOTAL	259	80

Tell us why

Open text question | 84 responses (30% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 51 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 16 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 13 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 13 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 12 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Of the 30 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Eight wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Five expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

Feedback from Māori individuals

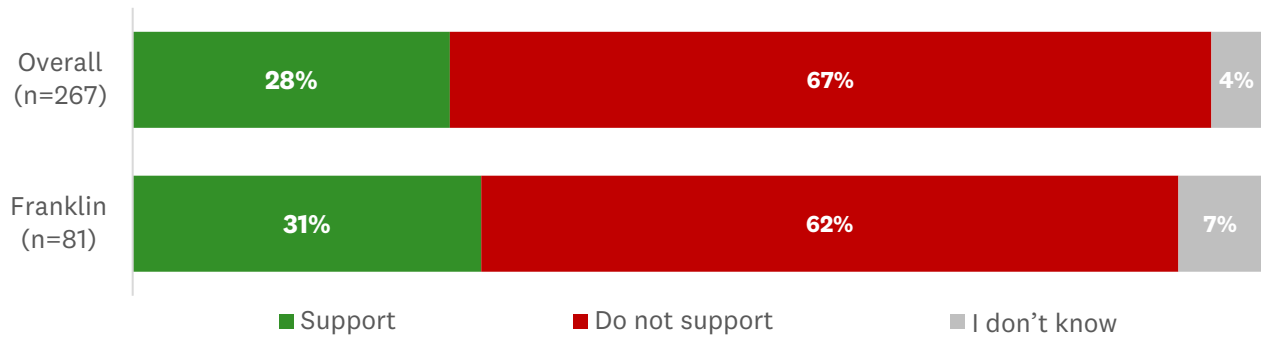
Of the 17 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 59 per cent supported the proposal and 29 per cent did not support the proposal.

2.3 Kawakawa Bay Beach

We are proposing to protect people during summer busy time and protect endangered and at-risk species of shorebirds (including migratory birds) from being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by replacing the current time and season rule with a bird breeding summer season rule in central areas and off-leash at any time access on western and eastern areas.

What do you think of this proposed change?

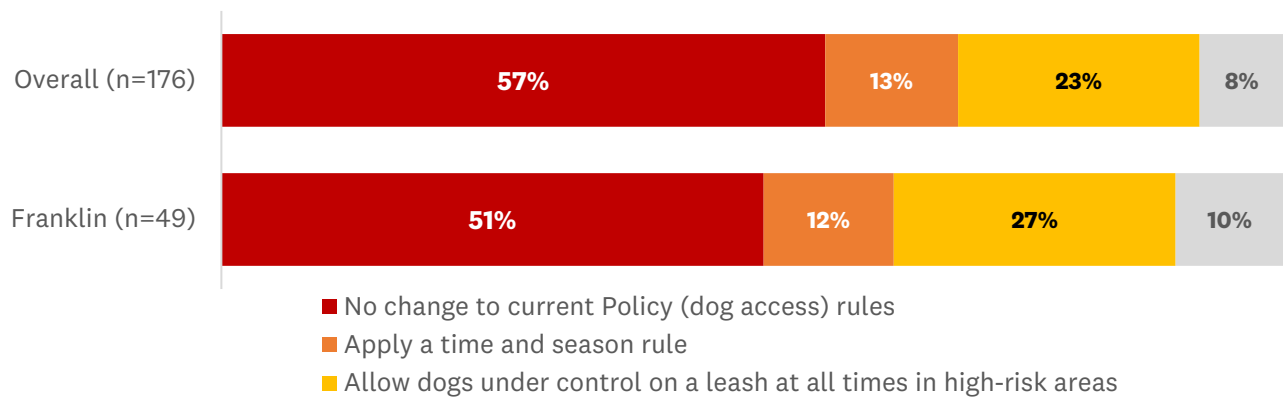
Single select question | 267 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	75	25
Do not support	180	50
I don't know	12	6
TOTAL	267	81

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

Single select question | 176 responses of 180 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Franklin only
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	100	25
Apply a time and season rule on beach and foreshore areas that prohibits dogs between 10am and 5pm, 1 December to 1 March (dogs allowed under control off a leash at all other times) (Schedule 2). Allow dogs under control off a leash on Whitford Point Reserve and Kawakawa Coast Road Reserve (Schedule 2). Allow dogs under control on a leash on Department of Conservation land and other 'narrow grass areas' between Clevedon-Kawakawa Road and the foreshore (Schedule 1).	22	6
Allow dogs under control on a leash at all times in high-risk areas (beach, foreshore and adjoining parks between Turei Road and Rautawa Stream next to Ferndale Drive, including Whitford Point Reserve and parts of Kawakawa Bay Foreshore Reserve - Zones 3, 4 and 5) (Schedule 1). Allow dogs under control off a leash on remaining areas (on beach, foreshore and adjoining parks from the western shoreline to Turei Road and from Ferndale Drive to (but not including) the boat ramp at 39R Kawakawa Bay Coast Road next to Kawakawa Bay Coast Road Reserve - Zones 1 and 2) (Schedule 2).	40	13
Other	14	5
TOTAL	176	49

Tell us why

Open text question | 102 responses (58% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 73 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 26 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 25 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 14 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 14 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 14 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems

Of the 14 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- Five thought the area should be made an on-leash area

- Four discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Four wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Of the 25 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 11 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Six thought seasonal restrictions should be applied to the area
- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 25 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 28 per cent supported the proposal and 64 per cent did not support the proposal.

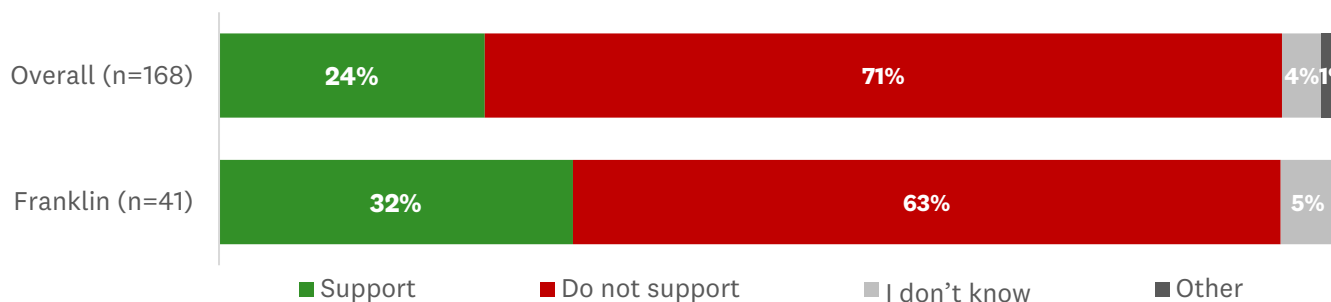
Franklin Local Board

2.4 Shell banks and coastal areas from Waiau Pa to Ellets Beach

We are proposing to protect endangered and at-risk species of shorebirds (including migratory birds) from being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by changing the rule from on-leash to prohibited.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 168 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	40	13
Do not support	120	26
I don't know	6	2
Other	2	0
TOTAL	168	41

Tell us why

Open text question | 68 responses (40% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 51 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 17 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 16 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 15 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 11 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 11 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 10 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 15 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 10 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife

- Four thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 12 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 25 per cent supported the proposal and 67 per cent did not support the proposal.

2.5 Sports fields in former Franklin District

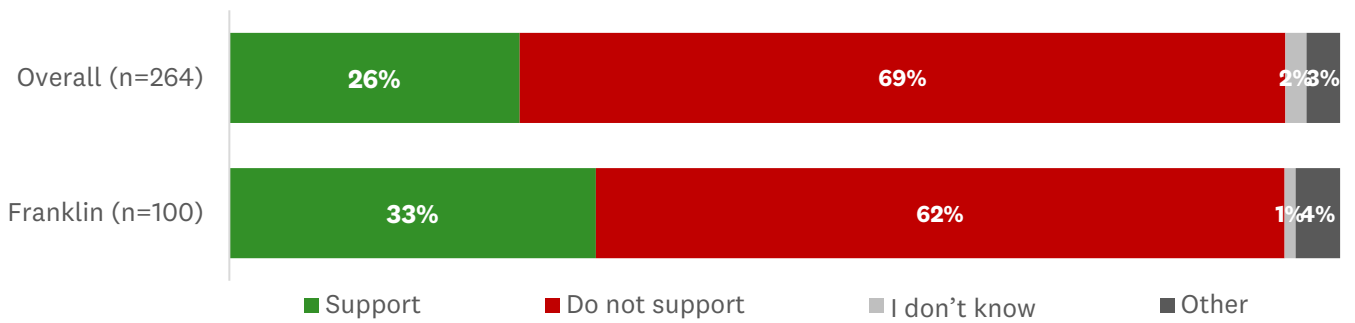
Proposed sports field changes are for the following parks:

Bledisloe Park, Clive How Road Recreation Reserve, Colin Lawrie Fields, Franklin A&P Showgrounds, Glenbrook Road Recreation Reserve, Hamilton Estate Recreation Reserve, Karaka Sports Park, Massey Park, Matakawau Recreation Reserve, Navigation Homes Stadium, Patumahoe Recreation Reserve, Puni Recreation Reserve, Rosa Birch Park, Waiau Pa Domain, Waiuku Sports Park.

We are proposing to better protect sports users from nuisance and sports surfaces from damage while still providing for on-leash dog access in other areas of the park that is consistent with dog access rules on all other parks in the local board area and Auckland region by applying the default region-wide prohibition of dogs on sports surfaces.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 264 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Franklin only
Support	69	33
Do not support	182	62
I don't know	5	1
Other	8	4
TOTAL	264	100

Tell us why

Open text question | 121 responses (46% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

- Of the 100 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- 37 thought dogs should be allowed access to the sports fields
 - 33 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
 - 31 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

- 26 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 24 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 23 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 20 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Of the 21 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 14 thought dogs should be kept off the sports fields, often for safety or hygiene reasons
- Eight were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Seven were concerned that some dog owners don't pick up after their dogs
- Six thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- Five thought dogs should be allowed access to the sports fields

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 13 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 23 per cent supported the proposal and 69 per cent did not support the proposal.

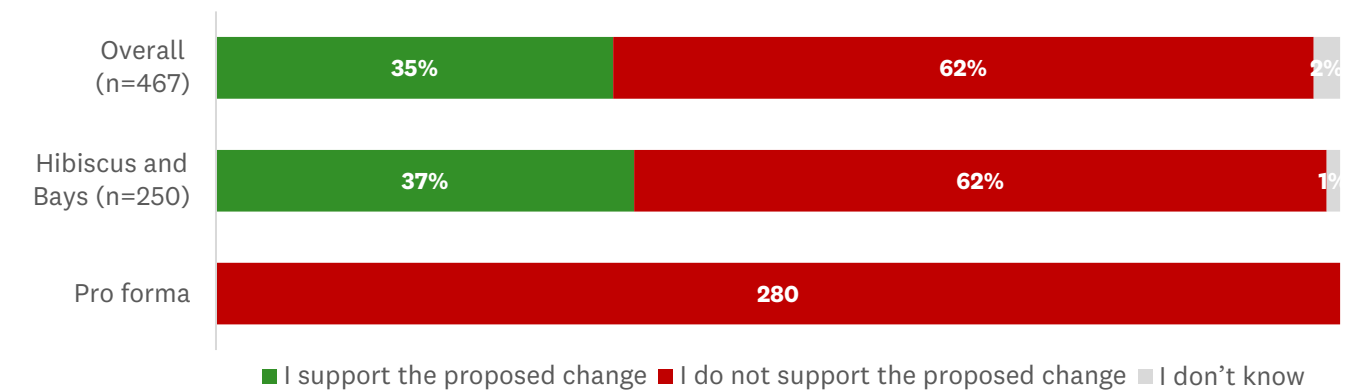
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

3.1 Big Manly Beach

We are proposing to protect dotterels that nest near the headland of Big Manly Beach and Tindalls beach from being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by requiring dogs to be on-leash (currently a time and season rule applies).

What do you think of this proposed change?

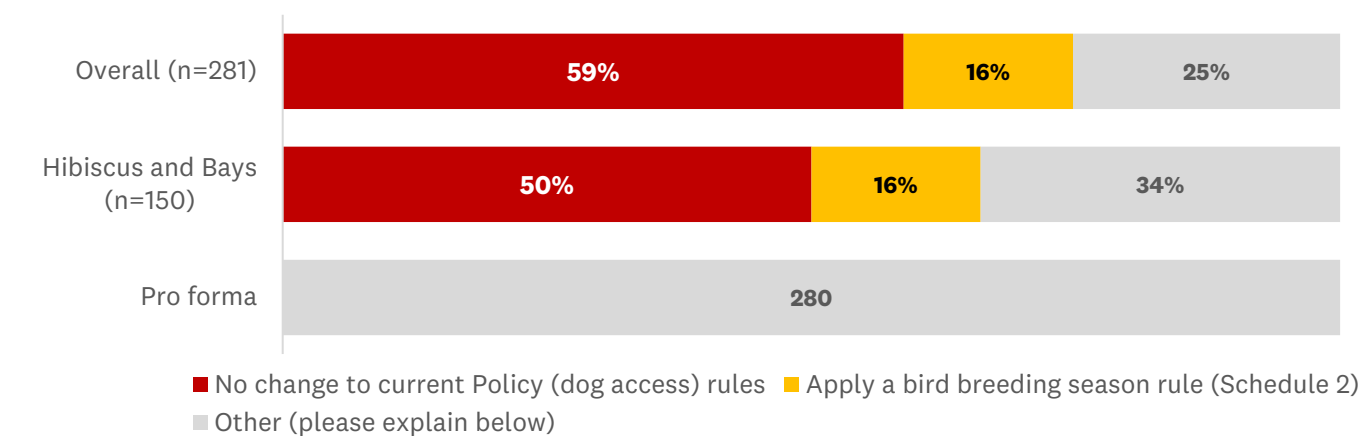
Single select question | 747 responses (11% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Hibiscus and Bays only	Pro forma
Support	165	93	0
Do not support	291	154	280
I don't know	11	3	0
TOTAL	467	250	280

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

Single select question | 261 responses of 571 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Hibiscus and Bays only	Pro forma
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	165	75	0
Apply a bird breeding season rule (Schedule 2). Big Manly Beach between Cross Street to the headland connecting to Tindalls Beach: Prohibited at all times during bird breeding season (1 September to 31 March). Under control on-leash at all time out of bird breeding season . Apply the current time and season restrictions on remaining areas of the beach.	45	24	0
Other	71	51	280
TOTAL	281	150	280

Tell us why

Open text question | 264 responses (35% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 184 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 84 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 62 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 59 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 42 thought the seasonal restrictions for the area should be adjusted
- 39 thought dogs should be banned from the area
- 36 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 37 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 32 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 31 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away.

Of the 71 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 48 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 42 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 38 thought we should keep the [policy/rules] as they are now
- 34 thought the seasonal restrictions for the area should be adjusted

- 30 thought dogs should be banned from the area.

Of the 74 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 34 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 16 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 16 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 11 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 11 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 11 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 24 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 25 per cent supported the proposal and 71 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

280 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign initiated by Dog Friends Auckland.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on BIG MANLY BEACH to restrict dogs to being UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES from Cross Street to the headland connecting to Tindalls Beach (Schedule 1(4)(a)).

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on BIG MANLY BEACH the current time and season rule remains but that, where a Dotterel nest is identified and marked, dogs must be on a lead within 200 metres of the nest and prohibited from entering a 50 metre zone, to be cordoned off around the nest itself during the nesting season. (as agreed with Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird).

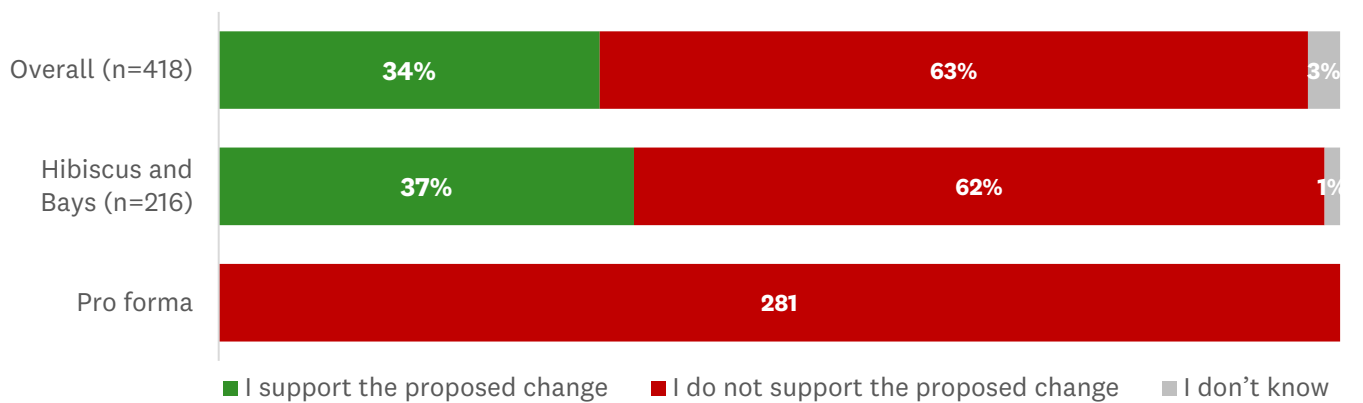
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

3.2 Tindalls Beach

We are proposing to protect dotterels that nest near the headland of Big Manly Beach and Tindalls beach from being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by requiring dogs to be on-leash (currently a time and season rule applies).

What do you think of this proposed change?

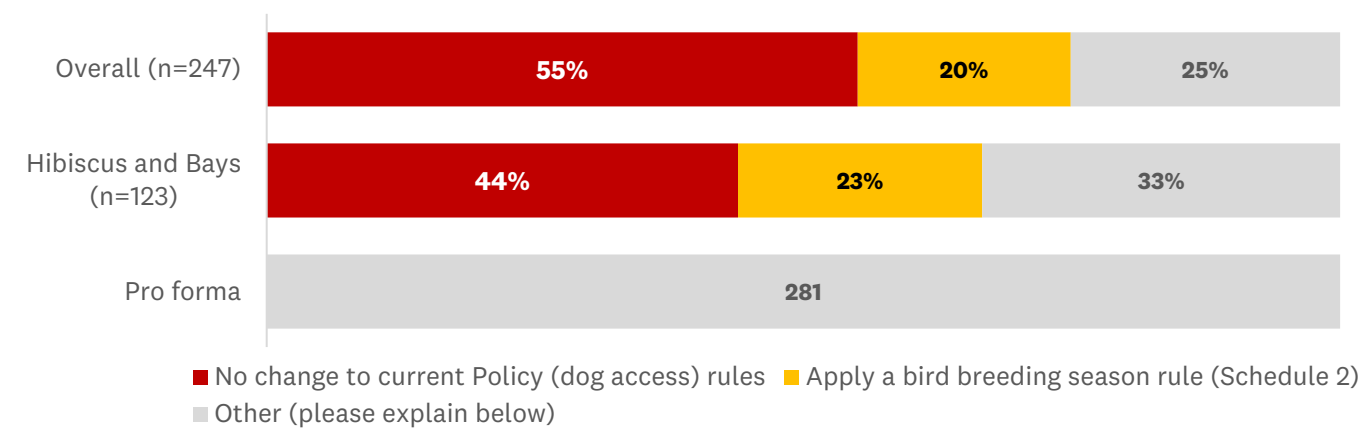
Single select question | 699 responses (10% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Hibiscus and Bays only	Pro forma
Support	142	80	0
Do not support	264	133	281
I don't know	12	3	0
TOTAL	418	216	281

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

Single select question | 528 responses of 545 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Hibiscus and Bays only	Pro forma
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	136	54	0
Apply a bird breeding season rule (Schedule 2). Tindalls Beach from the headland connecting to Big Manly Beach and Hardley Avenue: Prohibited at all times during bird breeding season (1 September to 31 March). Under control on-leash at all time out of bird breeding season . Apply the current time and season restrictions on remaining areas of the beach.	49	28	0
Other	62	41	281
TOTAL	247	123	281

Tell us why

Open text question | 207 responses (30% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 149 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 66 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 56 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 42 thought the seasonal restrictions for the area should be adjusted
- 37 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 33 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 31 thought time of day restrictions should be applied to the area
- 31 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the 62 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 46 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 39 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 33 thought the seasonal restrictions for the area should be adjusted
- 33 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 25 thought time of day restrictions should be applied to the area.

Of the 54 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 21 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Nine discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Nine thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- Eight thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- Eight thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 22 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 32 per cent supported the proposal and 59 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

281 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign initiated by Dog Friends Auckland.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on TINDALLS BEACH to restrict dogs to being UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES from the headland connecting to Big Manly Beach to Hardley Avenue. (Schedule 1(4)(a)).

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on TINDALLS BEACH the current time and season rule remains but that, where a Dotterel nest is identified and marked, dogs must be on a lead within 200 metres of the nest and prohibited from entering a 50 metre zone, to be cordoned off around the nest itself during the nesting season. (as agreed with Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird).

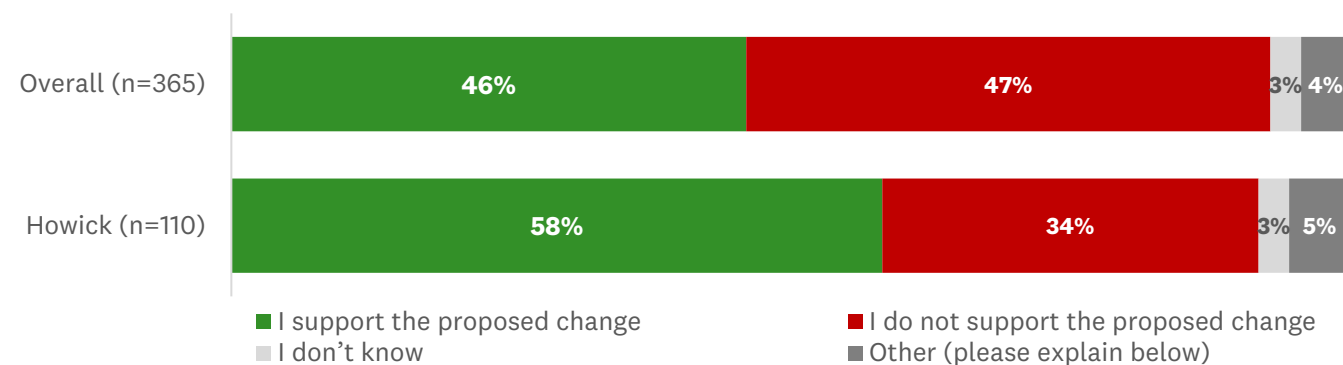
Howick Local Board

4.1 Lloyd Elmore Park (near Howick Historical Village)

We are proposing to protect animals at Howick Historical Village as off leash dogs running from Lloyd Elmore Park creates a significant risk by creating a 10m on-leash area around the village.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 365 responses (5% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Howick only
Support	168	64
Do not support	171	37
I don't know	10	3
Other	16	6
TOTAL	365	110

Tell us why

Open text question | 145 responses (40% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 88 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 30 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 25 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 25 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 20 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 19 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 15 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces

Of the 53 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 24 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 11 thought the area should be made an on-leash area
- 10 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- Nine thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public

Feedback from Māori individuals

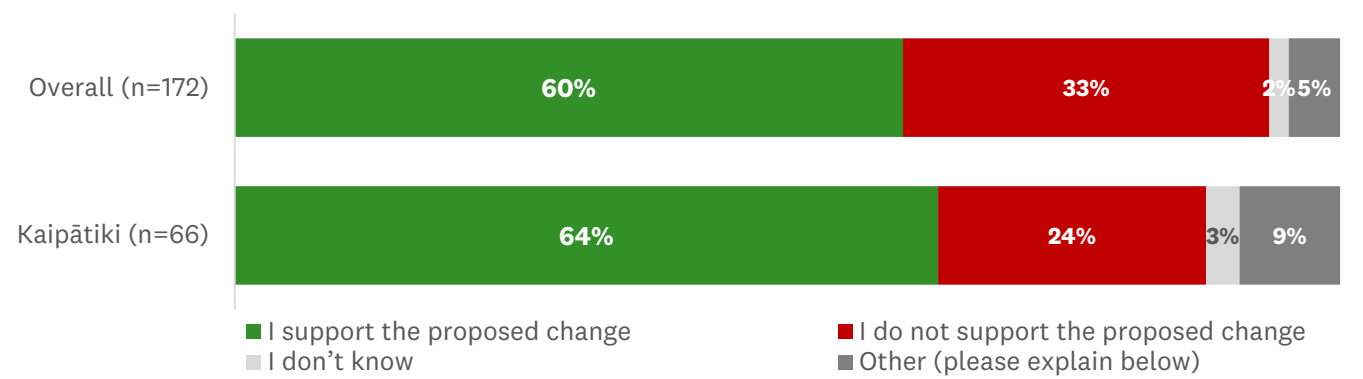
Of the 18 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 44 per cent supported the proposal and 50 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.1 Foreshore between Sulphur Beach Reserve and Gold Hole Reserve

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area without significant risk to other users (currently time and season).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 172 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	104	42
Do not support	57	16
I don't know	3	2
Other	8	6
TOTAL	172	66

Tell us why

Open text question | 55 responses (32% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

- Of the 28 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- Nine wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
 - Seven discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
 - Seven thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Of the 19 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- Nine wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
 - Three expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

Feedback from Māori individuals

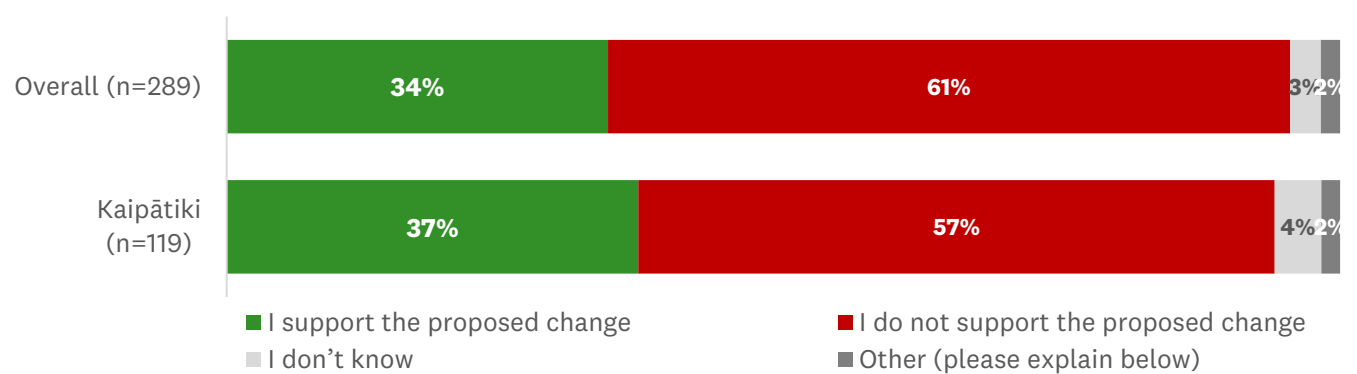
Of the 16 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 75 per cent supported the proposal and 13 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.2 Kauri Glen Reserve (tracks between the Kauri Glen Road, Raymond Terrace and Tui Glen Road entrances)

We are proposing to protect kauri forest from Kauri Dieback disease from off-leash dogs walking off tracks by changing the rule to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 289 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	99	44
Do not support	177	68
I don't know	8	5
Other	5	2
TOTAL	289	119

Tell us why

Open text question | 139 responses (48% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 92 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 34 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 34 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 28 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 21 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 18 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Of the 39 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 14 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 12 thought the area should be made an on-leash area
- Nine thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- Six were concerned with the damage dogs do to the environment
- Six wanted council to provide more on-leash areas
- Five discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Five thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 18 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 28 per cent supported the proposal and 61 per cent did not support the proposal.

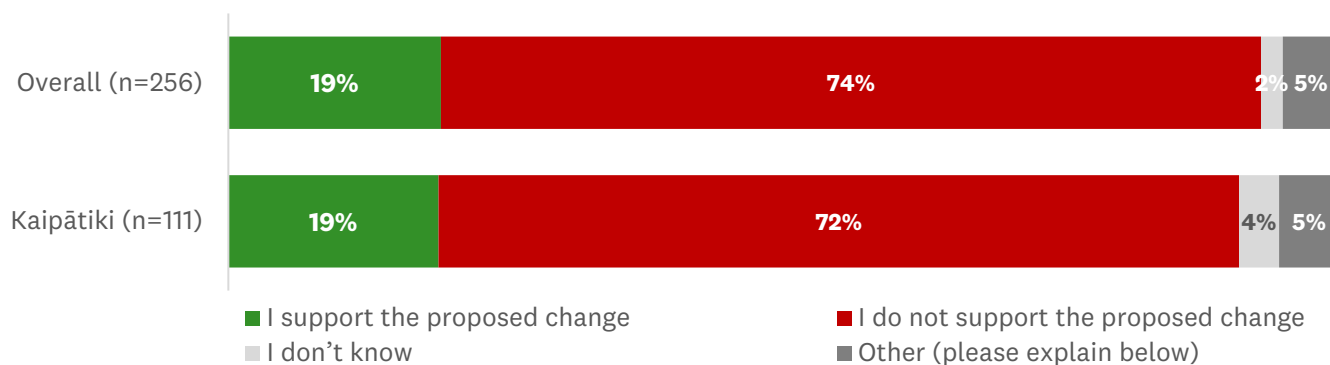
Kaipātiki Local Board

5.3 Kauri Park (including unformed road)

We are proposing to prohibit dogs in this park as it is currently closed due to Kauri Dieback disease by changing the rule from off-leash to prohibited.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 256 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	49	21
Do not support	189	80
I don't know	5	4
Other	13	6
TOTAL	256	111

Tell us why

Open text question | 126 responses (49% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 98 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 22 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 21 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 20 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 19 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 17 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 16 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 15 thought the area should be made an on-leash area

Of the 14 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common theme was:

- Three thought dogs should be banned from the area

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 19 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 32 per cent supported the proposal and 63 per cent did not support the proposal.

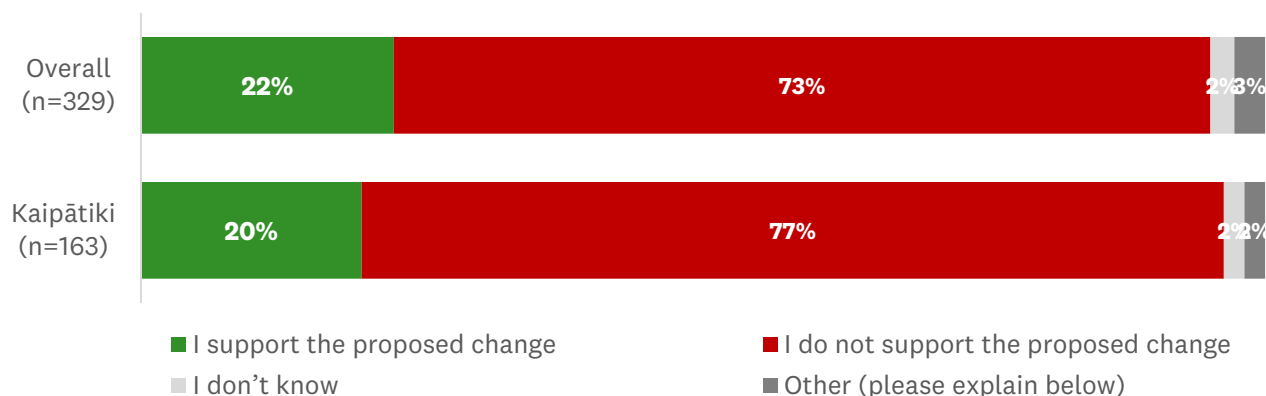
Kaipātiki Local Board

5.4 Kauri Point Domain (from the end of Balmain Road to the junction with the track to Soldiers Bay)

We are proposing to protect kauri forest from Kauri Dieback disease from off-leash dogs walking off tracks by changing the rule to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 329 responses (5% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	74	32
Do not support	239	125
I don't know	7	3
Other	9	3
TOTAL	329	163

Tell us why

Open text question | 170 responses (52% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 142 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 62 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 43 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 33 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 30 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 26 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 25 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems

- 20 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 18 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Three were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Three thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners.

Feedback from Māori individuals

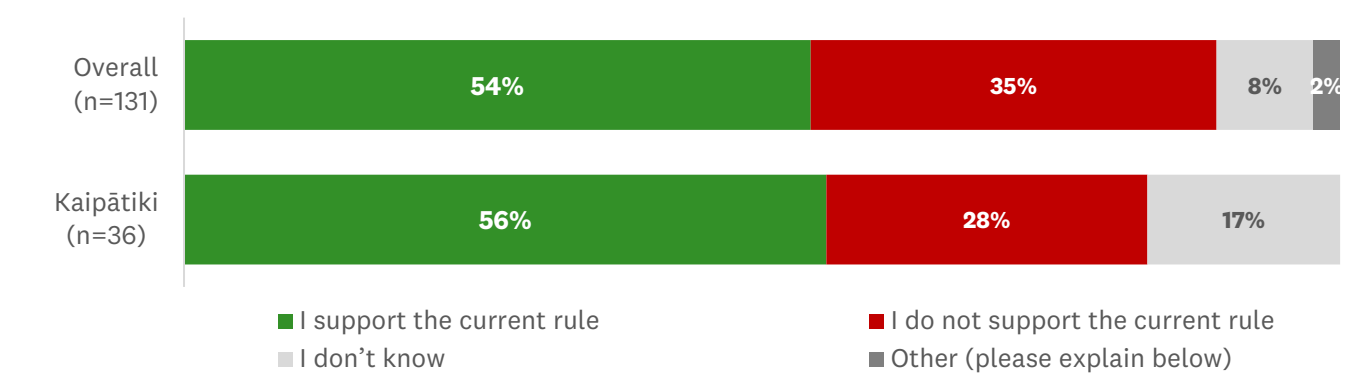
Of the 25 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 24 per cent supported the proposal and 68 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.5 Kukari Park

We are proposing to retain the default dogs under control on a leash rule to prevent significant risks to other users.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 131 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	71	20
Do not support	46	10
I don't know	11	6
Other	3	0
TOTAL	131	36

Tell us why

Open text question | 28 responses (21% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

There were six individuals who **supported** and provided a comment. There were no common themes.

- Of the 18 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- Seven discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
 - Seven thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
 - Five wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
 - Five wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Feedback from Māori individuals

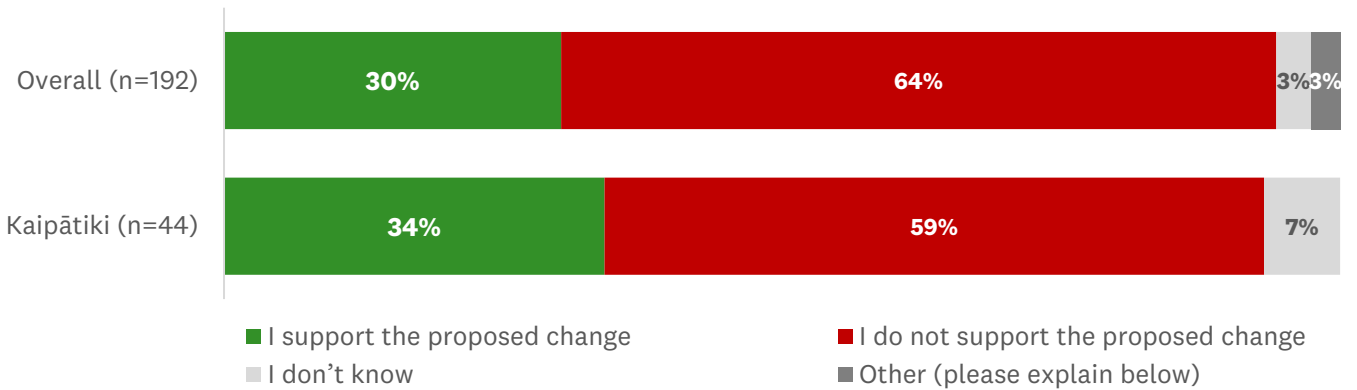
Of the 13 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 62 per cent supported the proposal and 31 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.6 Leigh Scenic Reserve

We are proposing to protect kauri forest from Kauri Dieback disease from off-leash dogs walking off tracks by changing the rule to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 192 responses (3% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	58	15
Do not support	123	26
I don't know	6	3
Other	5	0
TOTAL	192	44

Tell us why

Open text question | 70 responses (36% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

- Of the 45 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- 14 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
 - 12 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
 - 12 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
 - Eight expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
 - Eight thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
 - Seven wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces.

Of the 18 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Four were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Three thought the area should be made an on-leash area
- Three were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Three thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- Three were concerned with the damage dogs do to the environment.

Feedback from Māori individuals

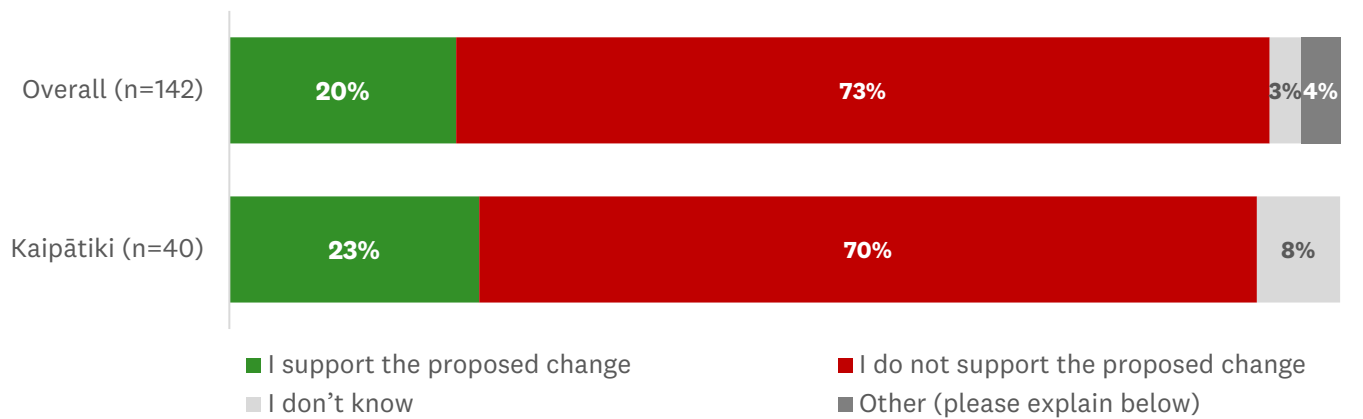
Of the 17 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 29 per cent supported the proposal and 65 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.7 Muriel Fisher Reserve

We are proposing to prohibit dogs in this park as it is currently closed due to Kauri Dieback disease by changing the rule from off-leash to prohibited.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 142 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	29	9
Do not support	104	28
I don't know	4	3
Other	5	0
TOTAL	142	40

Tell us why

Open text question | 52 responses (37% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

There were 7 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment. There were no common themes.

- Of the 39 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- 11 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
 - 10 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
 - Eight thought the area should be made an on-leash area
 - Eight wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 12 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 25 per cent supported the proposal and 67 per cent did not support the proposal.

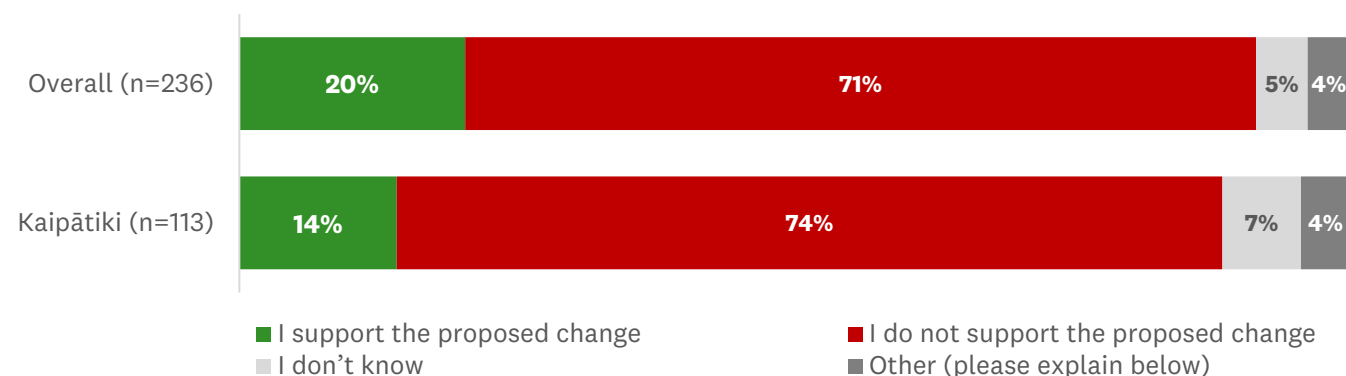
Kaipātiki Local Board

5.8 Soldiers Bay

We are proposing to protect wildlife that are vulnerable to off-leash dogs in this bay by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 236 responses (3% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	48	16
Do not support	168	84
I don't know	11	8
Other	9	5
TOTAL	236	113

Tell us why

Open text question | 109 responses (46% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 83 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 36 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 23 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 23 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 22 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the 10 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Four were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Three were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

Feedback from Māori individuals

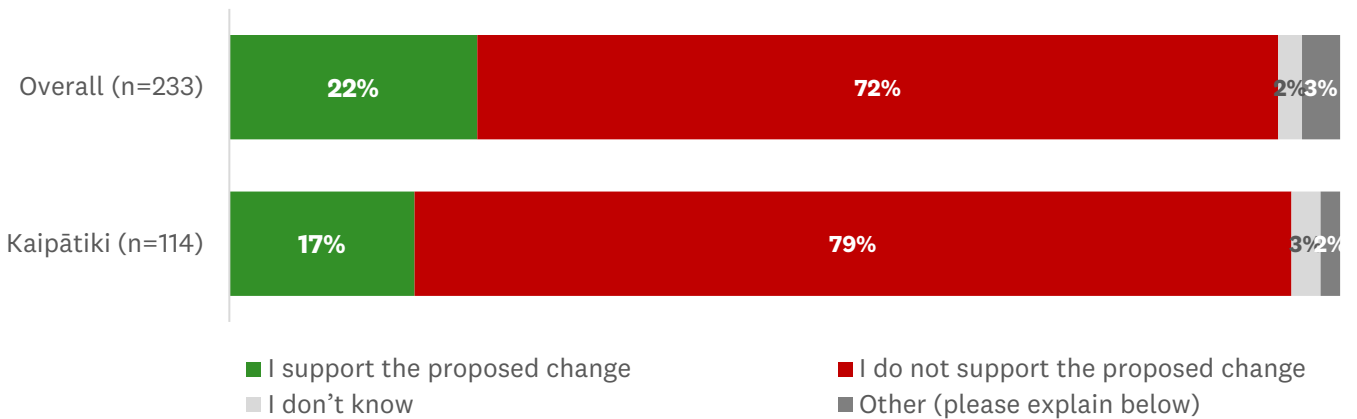
Of the 18 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 11 per cent supported the proposal and 78 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.9 Soldiers Bay Reserve

We are proposing to protect kauri forest from Kauri Dieback disease from off-leash dogs walking off tracks by changing the rule to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 233 responses (3% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	52	19
Do not support	168	90
I don't know	5	3
Other	8	2
TOTAL	233	114

Tell us why

Open text question | 104 responses (45% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

- Of the 81 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- 24 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
 - 19 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
 - 18 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
 - 17 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
 - 10 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
 - 10 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces

- 10 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority.

Of the 13 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Two thought the area should be made an on-leash area
- Two were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Two wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Two wanted council to provide more on-leash areas.

Feedback from Māori individuals

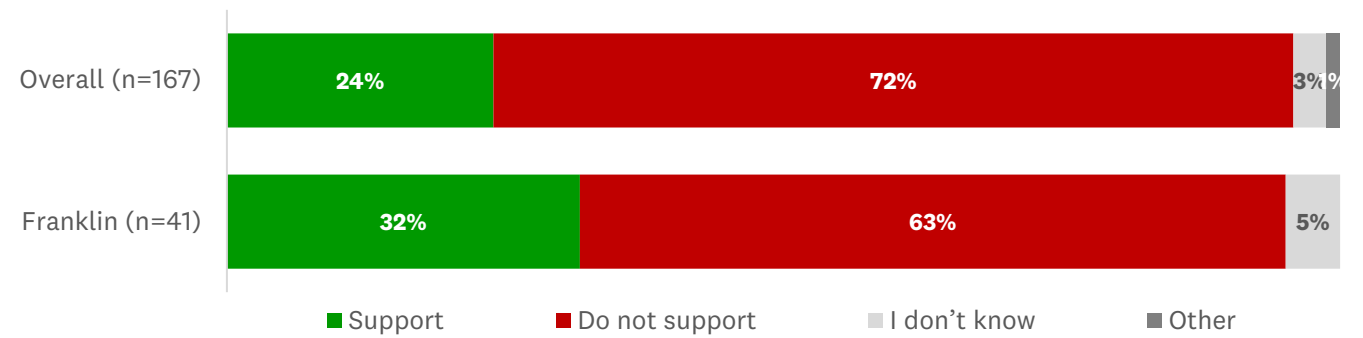
Of the 18 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 17 per cent supported the proposal and 72 per cent did not support the proposal.

5.10 Søren G Christensen Reserve

We are proposing to prohibit dogs in this park as it is currently closed due to Kauri Dieback disease by changing the rule from off-leash to prohibited.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 133 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	28	8
Do not support	95	24
I don't know	6	5
Other	4	0
TOTAL	133	37

Tell us why

Open text question | 43 responses (32% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

There were six individuals who **supported** and provided a comment. There were no common themes.

Of the 36 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Eight thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Eight wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Eight wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Seven discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Seven expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 12 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 25 per cent supported the proposal and 58 per cent did not support the proposal.

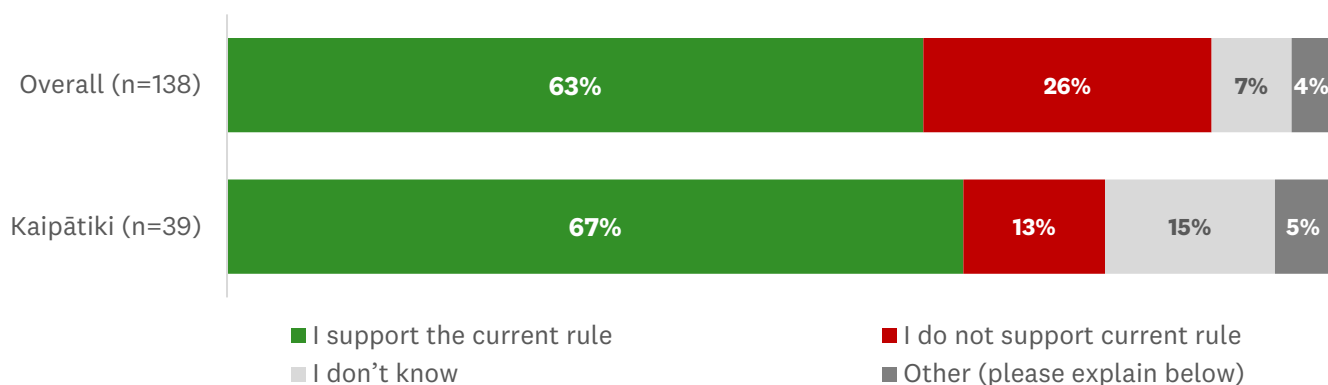
Kaipātiki Local Board

5.11 Te Ara Awataha Greenway

We are proposing to retain the default dogs under control on a leash rule to prevent significant risks to other users.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 138 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
I support the current rule	87	26
I do not support current rule	36	5
I don't know	10	6
Other	5	2
TOTAL	138	39

Tell us why

Open text question | 26 responses (19% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 13 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Five thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Four discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Four wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Three wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Three thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 12 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Three thought we should keep the rules as they are now

- Three discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 14 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 57 per cent supported the current rule and 29 per cent did not support the current rule.

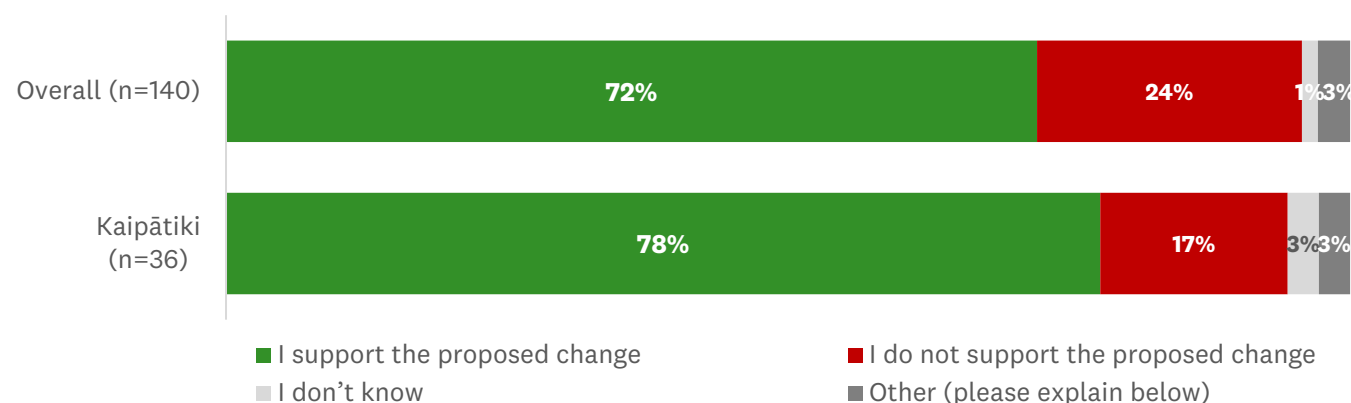
Kaipātiki Local Board

5.12 54 Tonar Street

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area at the recent redevelopment of Northcote Central, without significant risk to other users by changing the rule from on-leash to off-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 140 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Kaipātiki only
Support	101	28
Do not support	33	6
I don't know	2	1
Other	4	1
TOTAL	140	36

Tell us why

Open text question | 31 responses (22% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 18 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Seven wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Three expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Three thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 13 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Five discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Four thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

- Three thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly.

Feedback from Māori individuals

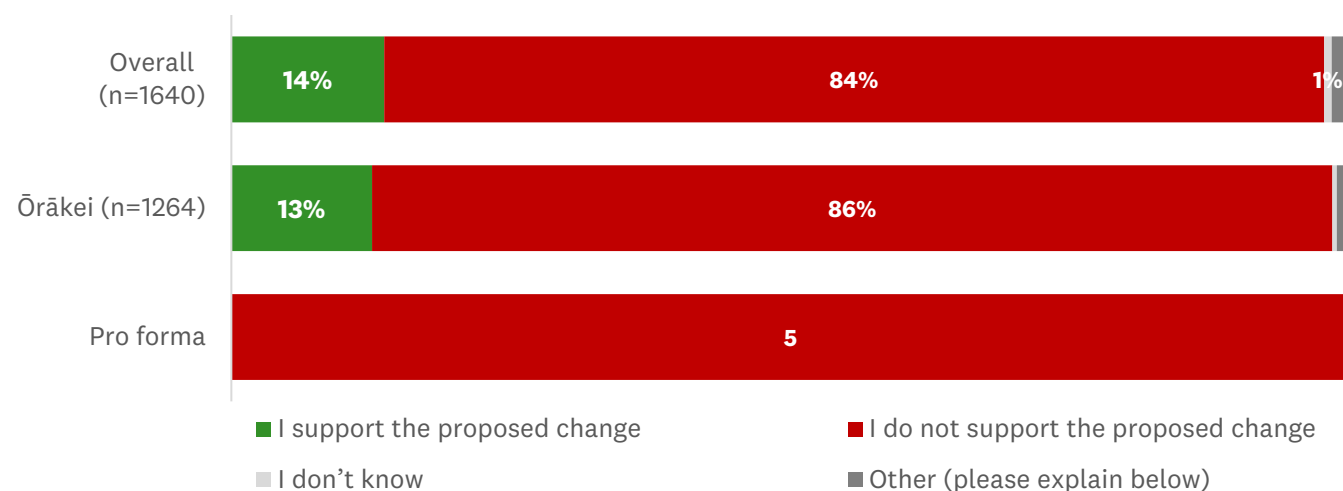
Of the 11 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 82 per cent supported the proposal and 9 per cent did not support the proposal.

6.1 Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park

We are proposing to better protect the health and safety of sports users and dogs and sports surfaces from damage, while still providing off-leash dog access on other areas of the parks that is consistent with dog access rules on all other parks in the local board area and Auckland region by applying the default region-wide prohibition of dogs on sports surfaces.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 1,645 responses (23% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Ōrākei only	Pro forma
Support	224	159	0
Do not support	1,378	1,085	5
I don't know	11	5	0
Other	27	15	0
TOTAL	1,640	1,264	5

Tell us why

Open text question | 1,372 responses (84% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 1,192 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 638 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 588 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 529 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority

- 462 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 461 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 411 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 408 thought dogs should be allowed access to the sports fields
- 396 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 298 expressed the importance of dogs having socialisation with other dogs (and people)

Of the 148 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 90 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 81 thought dogs should be kept off the sports fields, often for safety or hygiene reasons
- 74 were concerned that some dog owners don't pick up after their dogs
- 52 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 41 thought dogs should be allowed access to the sports fields
- 39 thought dogs are a nuisance to other park users
- 35 were concerned with the damage dogs do to the environment
- 27 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 27 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 53 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, nine per cent supported the proposal and 89 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

Five submissions were received via a pro forma campaign.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: TO RETAIN the current rule of dogs allowed UNDER CONTROL OFF A LEASH on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed.

Reason: There are no other off leash areas that offer the same amount of easily accessible space for local dog owners with flat terrain. Removing this access will mean dog owners will have to drive to alternative locations that are not in their local area. Many of the areas that council are proposing as suitable are small or do not offer safe access for older people or young families with prams and some are not family friendly (Ladies Bay).

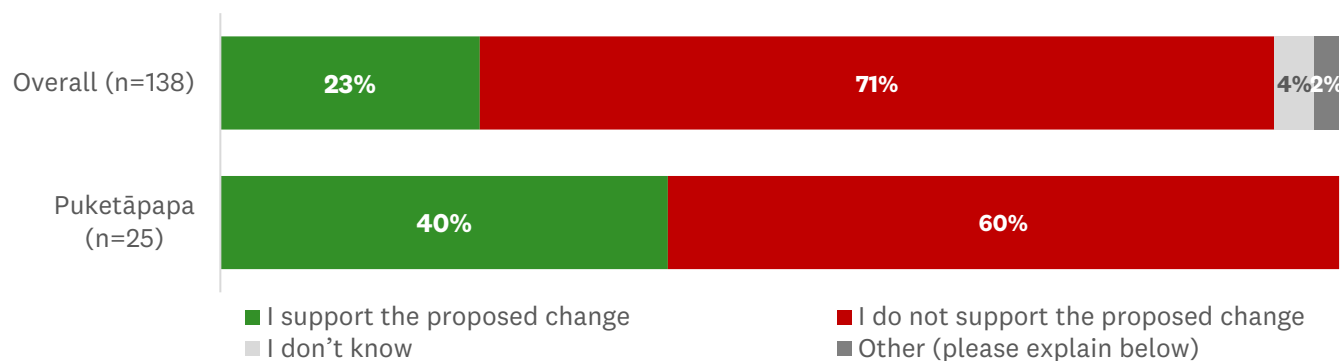
Puketāpapa Local Board

7.1 Freeland Reserve

We are proposing to protect users as the change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 138 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	32	10
Do not support	98	15
I don't know	5	0
Other	3	0
TOTAL	138	25

Tell us why

Open text question | 50 responses (36% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 38 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 15 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 12 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 10 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 10 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Of the 8 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common theme was:

- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the ten individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, ten per cent supported the proposal and 80 per cent did not support the proposal.

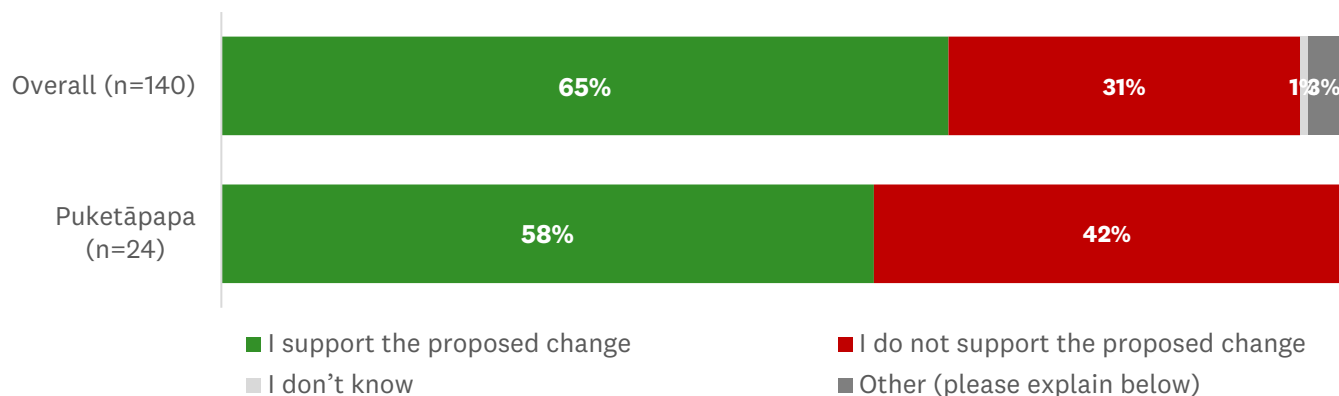
Puketāpapa Local Board

7.2 John Moore Reserve

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area without significant risk to other park users by changing the rule from on-leash to off-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 140 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	91	14
Do not support	44	10
I don't know	1	0
Other	4	0
TOTAL	140	24

Tell us why

Open text question | 36 responses (26% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 17 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 11 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Five expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

Of the 15 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Six were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Five expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 11 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 64 per cent supported the proposal and 27 per cent did not support the proposal.

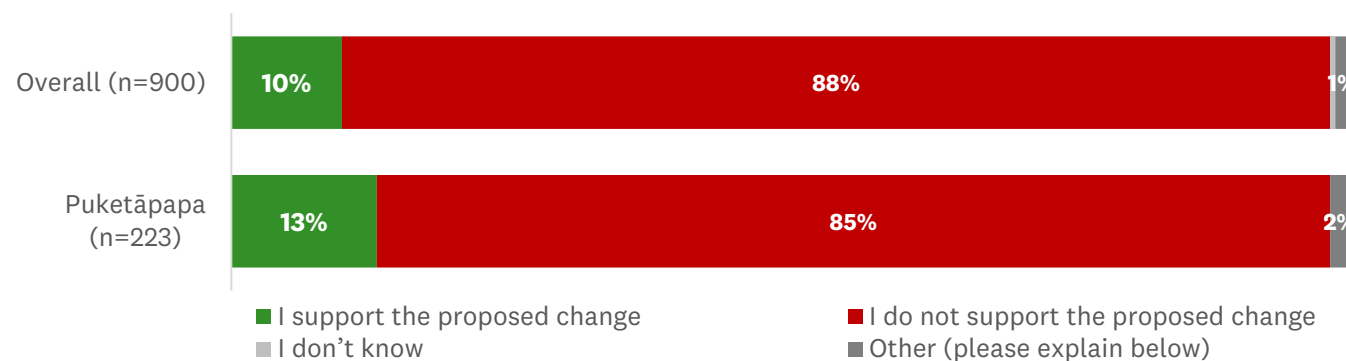
Puketāpapa Local Board

7.3 Monte Cecilia Park

We are proposing to protect the users of the park as the current off-leash rule in the bowl area creates a significant risk to people by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 900 responses (13% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	89	29
Do not support	795*	190
I don't know	4	0
Other	12	4
TOTAL	900	223

* Note: one submission, an individual includes a petition with 1,065 signatures.

Tell us why

Open text question | 727 responses (81% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 659 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 481 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 346 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 279 expressed the importance of dogs having socialisation with other dogs (and people)
- 265 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 261 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 239 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 163 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority

- 154 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the 53 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 38 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 30 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 26 thought dogs are a nuisance to other park users
- 21 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 15 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 35 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, nine per cent supported the proposal and 86 per cent did not support the proposal.

Petition

An individual submitted a petition with **1,065 signatures**. The petition was ran between 15 January and 20 February 2025.

The petition urges the local board to preserve the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park as an off-leash space.

A copy of their submission, the details of the petition can be found in their attachment (submission # 6967).

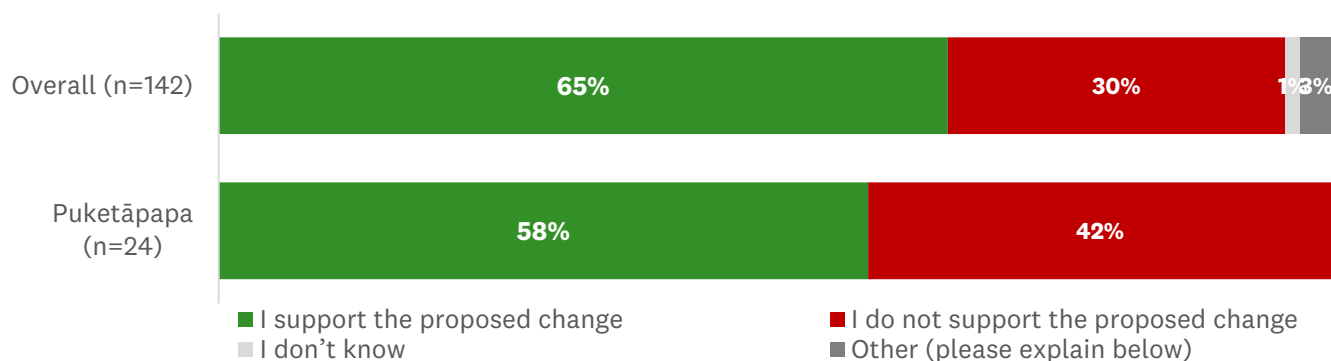
Puketāpapa Local Board

7.4 Smallfield Reserve

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area without significant risk to other park users by changing the rule from on-leash to off-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 142 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	93	14
Do not support	43	10
I don't know	2	0
Other	4	0
TOTAL	142	24

Tell us why

Open text question | 35 responses (25% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 15 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Seven wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Three wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Three expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Three thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Of the 15 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Six were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Four expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Four thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

- Four wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Four wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the ten individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 40 per cent supported the proposal and 40 per cent did not support the proposal.

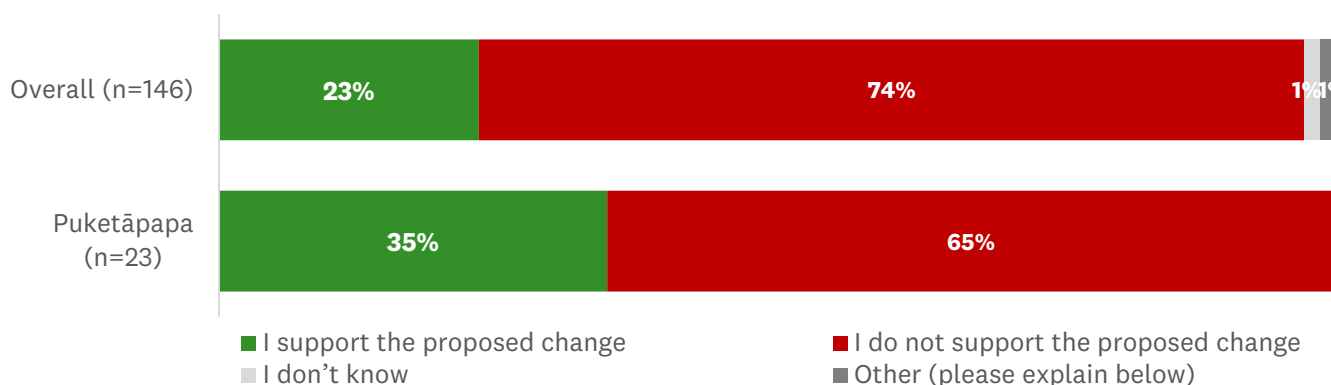
Puketāpapa Local Board

7.5 Underwood Park

We are proposing to protect users as the change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 146 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	34	8
Do not support	108	15
I don't know	2	0
Other	2	0
TOTAL	146	23

Tell us why

Open text question | 51 responses (35% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 43 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 20 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 12 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 11 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 11 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 10 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

Of the 5 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

- Three thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public

Feedback from Māori individuals

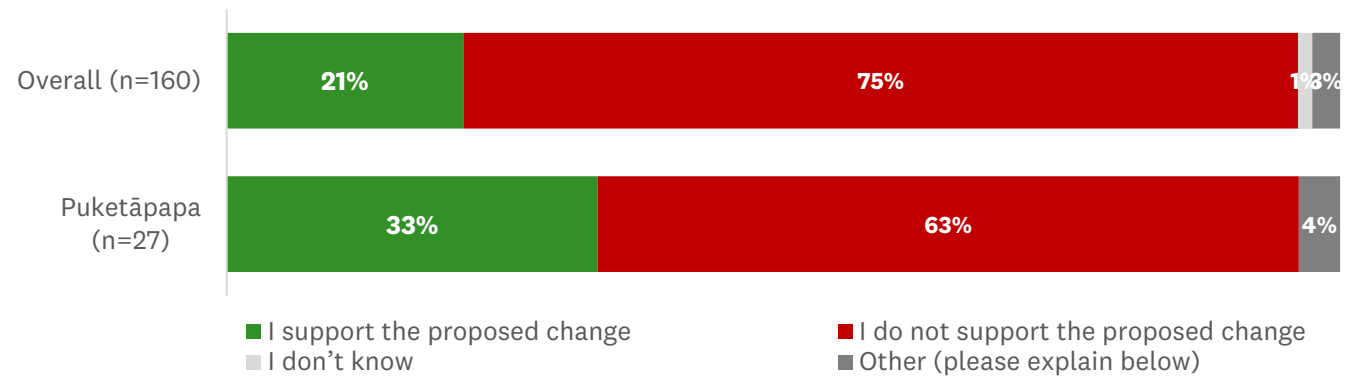
Of the 11 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, nine per cent supported the proposal and 82 per cent did not support the proposal.

7.6 Walmsley Park

We are proposing to protect users as the change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 160 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Puketāpapa only
Support	34	9
Do not support	120	17
I don't know	2	0
Other	4	1
TOTAL	160	27

Tell us why

Open text question | 57 responses (36% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

- Of the 46 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:
- 21 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
 - 14 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
 - 13 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
 - 10 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
 - 10 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

Of the 6 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common theme was:

- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 12 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, eight per cent supported the proposal and 83 per cent did not support the proposal.

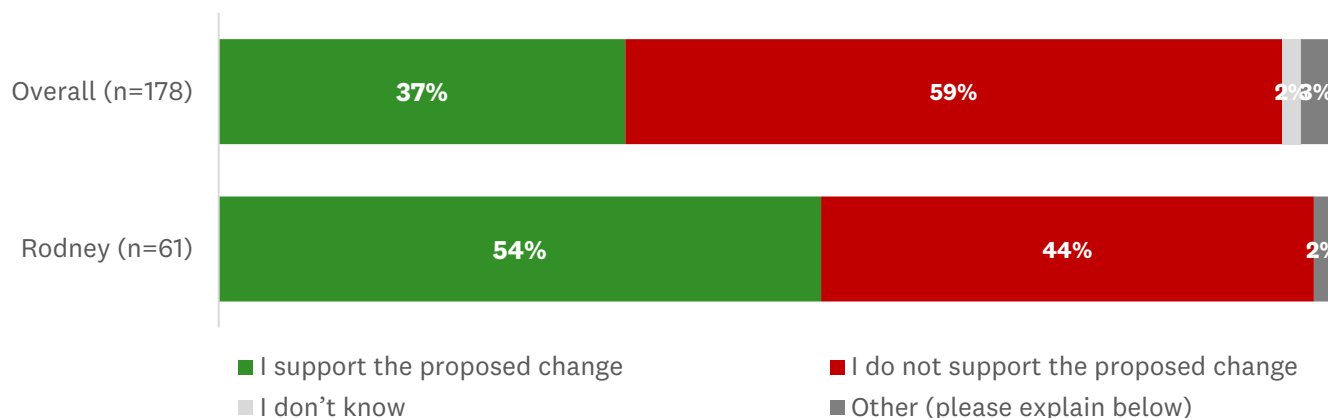
Rodney Local Board

8.1 Parry Kauri Park

We are proposing to protect kauri forest from Kauri Dieback disease from off-leash dogs walking off tracks by changing the rule to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 178 responses (3% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Rodney only
Support	65	33
Do not support	105	27
I don't know	3	0
Other	5	1
TOTAL	178	61

Tell us why

Open text question | 64 responses (36% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 36 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 11 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Nine expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Nine wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Seven thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Seven wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Five thought we should keep the rules as they are now

- Five thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- Five thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce.

Of the 23 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Nine thought the area should be made an on-leash
- Four were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Four thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- Four discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Three were concerned with the damage dogs do to the environment
- Three were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 14 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 36 per cent supported the proposal and 57 per cent did not support the proposal.

Rodney Local Board

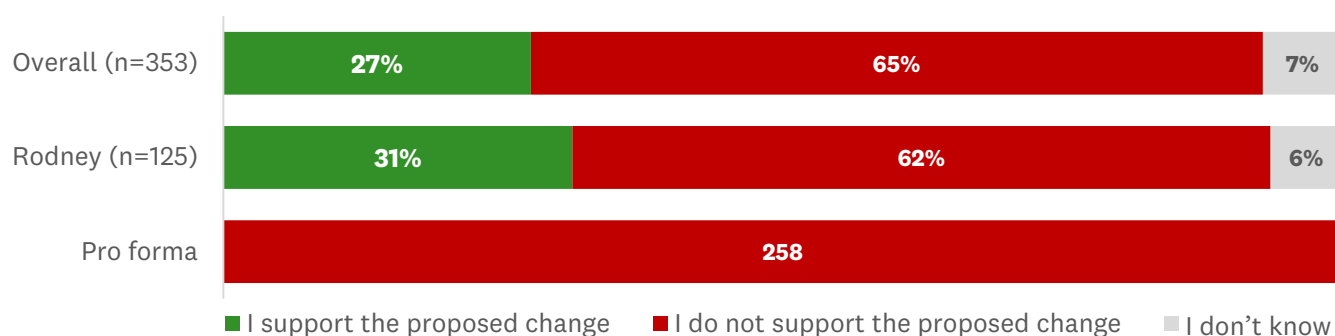
8.2 Snells Beach

We are proposing to provide year-round protection for shorebirds in the northern third of a significant ecological area where protected birds (such as dotterels) forage, roost and nest and can easily be disturbed by dogs, even on-leash, causing failed breeding and migrations by prohibiting dogs on the beach (currently prohibited / on-leash time and season rule) and allow dogs on-leash on adjoining reserves.

Note: No changes are proposed to the current time and season off-leash areas on the beach and adjoining parks south of the Sunburst Reserve boat ramp.

What do you think of this proposed change?

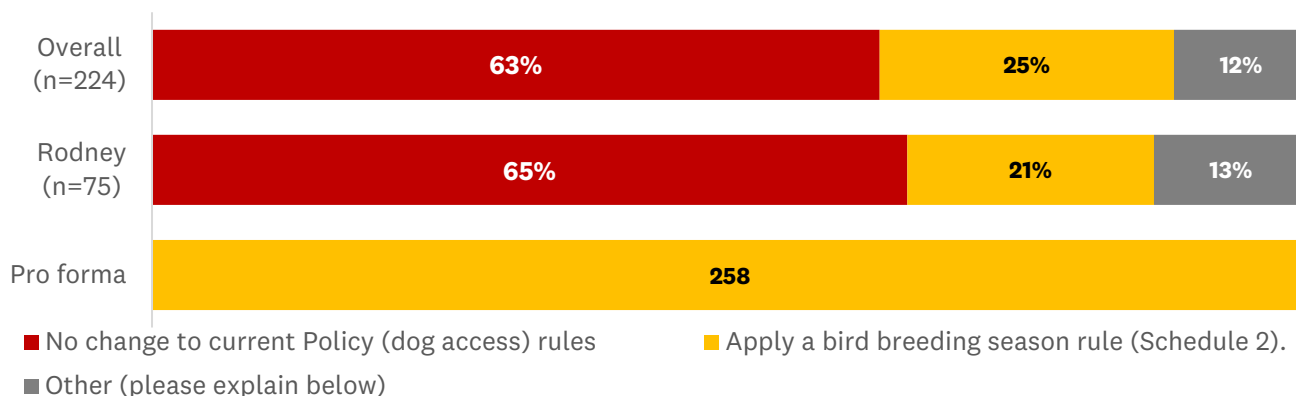
Single select question | 611 responses (9% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Rodney only	Pro forma
Support	97	39	0
Do not support	231	78	258
I don't know	25	8	0
TOTAL	353	125	258

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

Single select question | 482 responses of 489 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Rodney only
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	141	49
Apply a bird breeding season rule (Schedule 2). Snells Beach north of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp: Prohibited at all times during bird breeding season (1 September to 31 March). Under control on-leash at all time out of bird breeding season. Dogs allowed under control on a leash at all times on adjoining reserves north of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp (this includes the entire Whisper Cove and the north section of Sunburst Reserve and Tamatea Esplanade after the boat ramp) (Schedule 2).	57	16
Other	26	10
TOTAL	224	75

Tell us why

Open text question | 253 responses (41% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 106 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 35 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 33 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 25 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 21 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 23 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 22 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife

Of the 26 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 11 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 11 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 10 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 10 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

- Eight were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Eight thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 37 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 16 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- Eight were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Seven thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- Five were concerned that some dog owners don't pick up after their dogs
- Five thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 23 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 30 per cent supported the proposal and 61 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

258 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign initiated by Dog Friends Auckland.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

*I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on TINDALLS BEACH to restrict dogs to being
I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on SNELLS BEACH to PROHIBIT DOGS AT ALL
TIMES on the beach north of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp.*

*I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on SNELLS BEACH DOGS ARE
ALLOWED UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH on the beach north of Sunburst*

Reserve boat ramp outside of nesting season.

*Reason: Our proposed change is what has been in place for 5 years under a temporary rule to
protect shorebirds during nesting season.*

Rodney Local Board

8.3 Vera Reserve Baddeleys Road, Baddeleys Creek Reserve and Pigeon Place Accessway

We are proposing to protect kiwi dispersing from Tāwharanui Regional Park into the three associated reserves where they are vulnerable to being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 147 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Rodney only
Support	45	10
Do not support	96	22
I don't know	4	2
Other	2	0
TOTAL	147	34

Tell us why

Open text question | 47 responses (32% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 35 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 13 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 12 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 10 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Of the 9 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Four thought the area should be made an on-leash area
- Three were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 12 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, eight per cent supported the proposal and 83 per cent did not support the proposal.

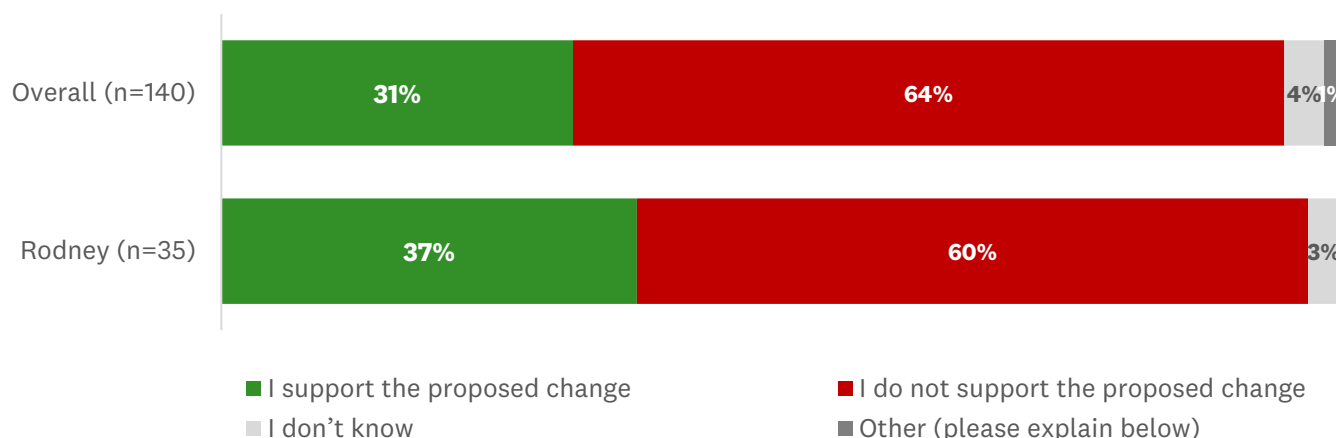
Rodney Local Board

8.4 Wonderview Road Esplanade

We are proposing to protect blue penguins that nest along this coastline which are vulnerable to being disturbed, harmed or killed by dogs by changing the rule from off-leash to on-leash.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 140 responses (2% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Rodney only
Support	44	13
Do not support	89	21
I don't know	5	1
Other	2	0
TOTAL	140	35

Tell us why

Open text question | 42 responses (30% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 32 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 14 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 11 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Seven wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- Six wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Of the 8 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Three were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Three were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 11 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, nine per cent supported the proposal and 82 per cent did not support the proposal.

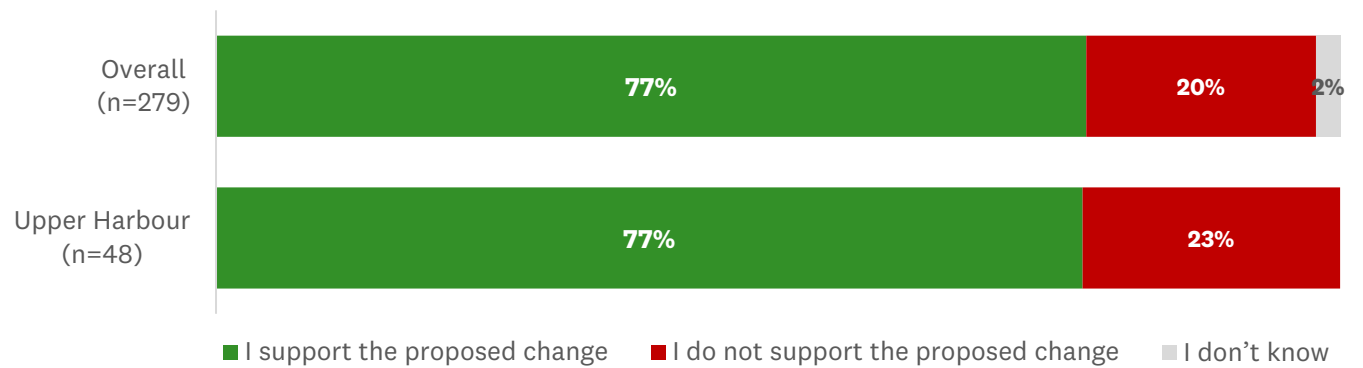
Upper Harbour Local Board

9.1 Rosedale Park

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area in the northeast grass area and fix an error in the 2019 policy that incorrectly identified the southwest grass area as on-leash at all times instead off-leash at any time.

What do you think of this proposed change?

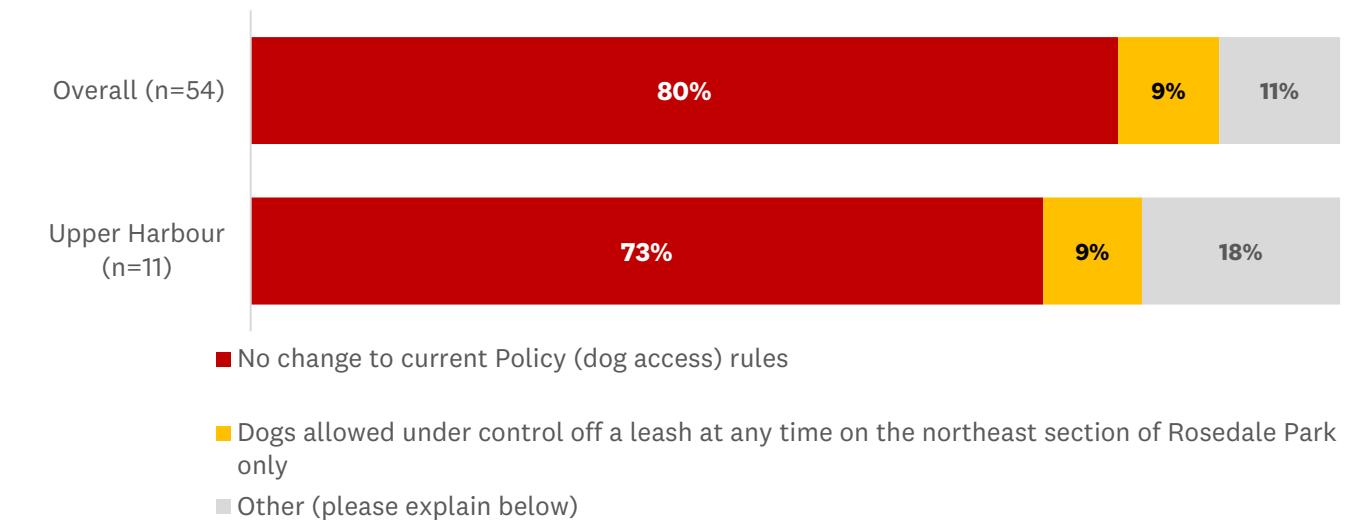
Single select question | 279 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Upper Harbour only
Support	216	37
Do not support	57	11
I don't know	6	0
TOTAL	279	48

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

Single select question | 54 responses of 57 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Upper Harbour only
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	43	8
Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the northeast section of Rosedale Park only (dogs under control on a leash on southwest section)	5	1
Other	6	2
TOTAL	54	11

Tell us why

Open text question | 85 responses (30% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 46 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 22 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 12 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 11 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- Nine thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Of the 19 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- Seven discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- Five thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- Five thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the six individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- Three thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- Three discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 14 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 79 per cent supported the proposal and 14 per cent did not support the proposal.

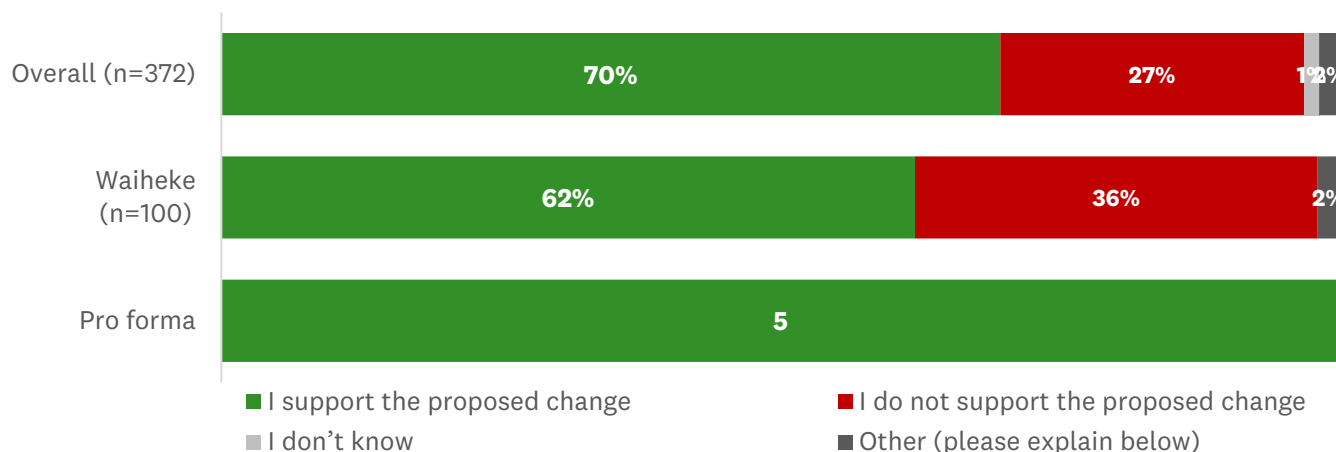
Waiheke Local Board

10.1 Big Oneroa Beach

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area on the northern end of the beach without significant risk to natural ecosystems of other users.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 372 responses (5% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Waiheke only	Pro forma
Support	259	62	5
Do not support	101	36	0
I don't know	5	0	0
Other	7	2	0
TOTAL	372	100	5

Tell us why

Open text question | 155 responses (42% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 84 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 40 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 25 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 20 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 20 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces

Of the 63 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 16 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

- 16 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 14 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 14 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 18 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 72 per cent supported the proposal and 22 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

5 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

Waiheke Local Board

10.2 Blackpool Beach

We are proposing to protect vulnerable nesting shorebirds on the western beach area like dotterels, godwits, little blue penguins and variable oystercatcher, while still retaining recreational opportunities for dogs and dog owners by changing the rule on the western beach area from on-leash to prohibited. No changes proposed to off-leash eastern area of the beach.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 268 responses (4% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Waiheke only
Support	92	32
Do not support	158	32
I don't know	12	5
Other	6	3
TOTAL	268	72

Tell us why

Open text question | 99 responses (37% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 64 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 15 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 14 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 12 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the 27 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 11 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 11 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

Feedback from Māori individuals

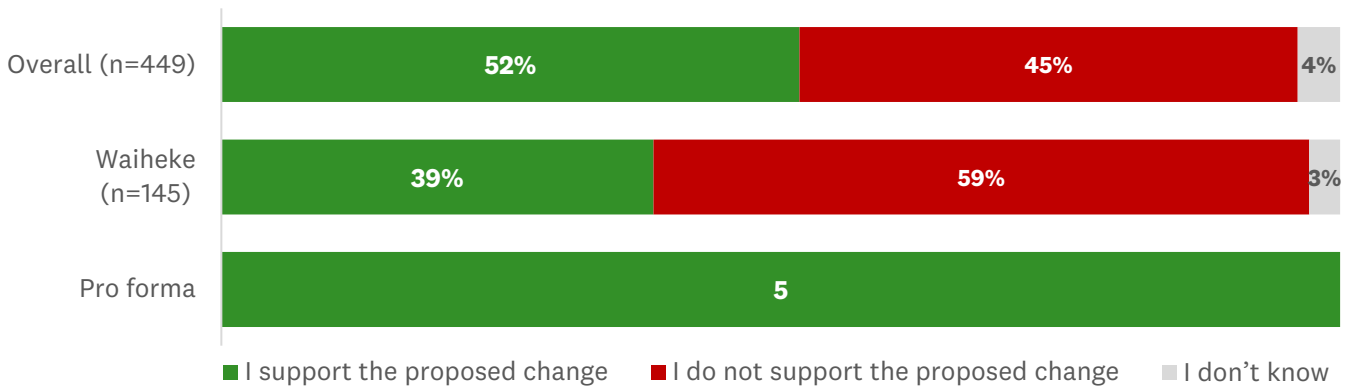
Of the 17 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 24 per cent supported the proposal and 71 per cent did not support the proposal.

10.3 Onetangi Beach

We are proposing to provide a new off-leash area on the eastern area while better protecting vulnerable nesting dotterels on the western area of the beach by reducing the area on which the current time and season rule applies to extend the prohibited area and create an off-leash area.

What do you think of this proposed change?

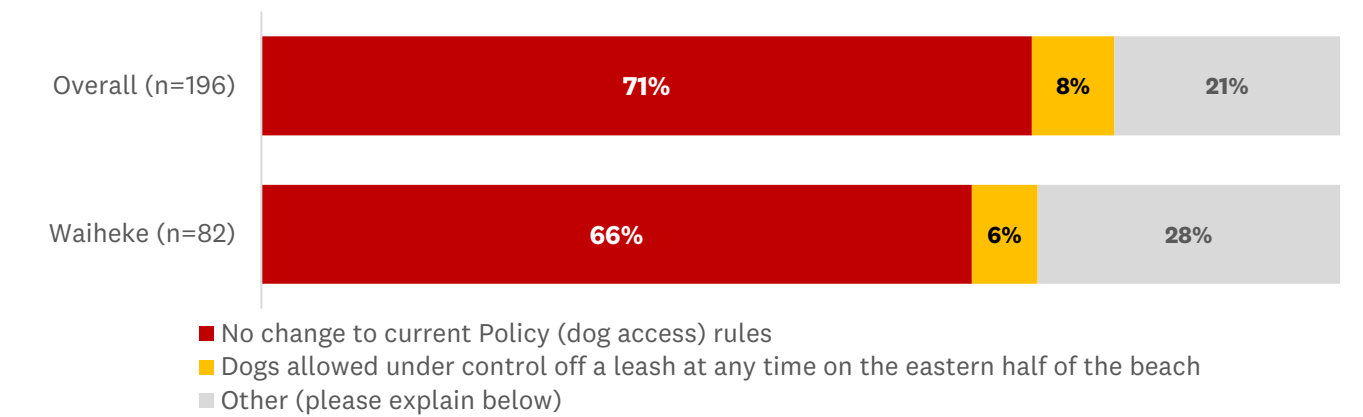
Single select question | 454 responses (6% of all submitters)



Response	Overall	Waiheke only	Pro forma
Support	232	56	5
Do not support	200	85	0
I don't know	17	4	0
TOTAL	449	145	5

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

Single select question | 196 responses of 200 that selected did not support



Response	Overall	Waiheke only
No change to current policy (dog access) rules	140	54
Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	15	5
Other	41	23
TOTAL	196	82

Tell us why

Open text question | 354 responses (79% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 139 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 52 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 34 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 30 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 29 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 28 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 28 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 26 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 26 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly

Of the 41 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 10 thought dogs should be banned from the area
- 10 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- Eight were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- Seven thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners.

Of the 70 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 26 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 24 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 22 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 36 per cent supported the proposal and 50 per cent did not support the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

5 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

11.1 Would you like to comment on dog access rules at local parks or beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Submitters were given the opportunity to provide feedback on parks not listed for review.

Feedback from this section is not covered in this report but will be covered in the advice report from the policy team.

11.2 Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Open text question | 2,161 responses (30% of all submitters)

Of the 2055 individuals that provided comments, the most common themes were:

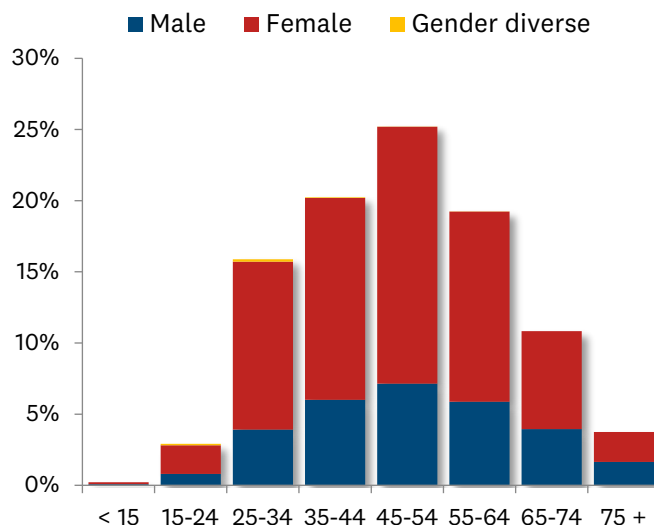
- 401 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 388 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 368 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 364 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 356 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

ATTACHMENT ONE: Who we heard from

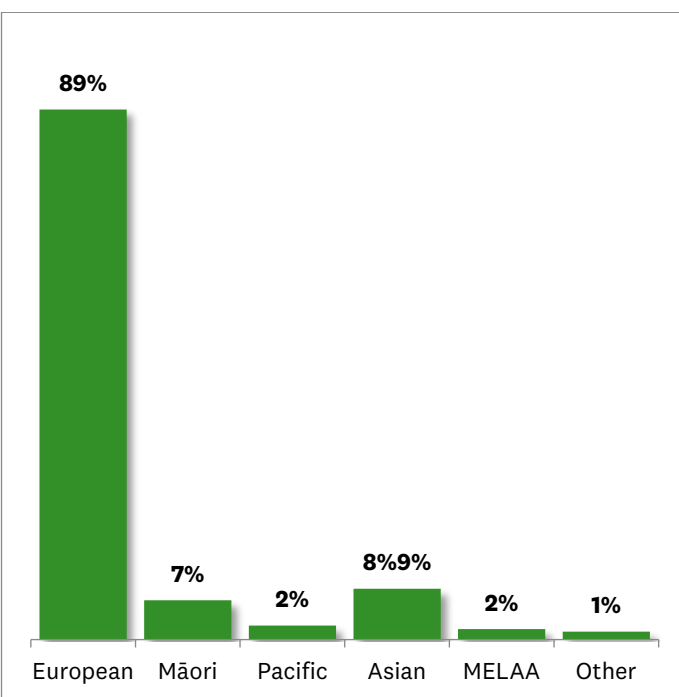
The tables below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

Overall submitters

AGE	Male	Female	Other	Total	%
< 15	5	8	0	14	0%
15 – 24	48	120	6	179	3%
25 – 34	234	705	10	971	16%
35 – 44	359	847	3	1235	21%
45 – 54	427	1078	1	1525	26%
55 – 64	351	798	1	1163	19%
65 – 74	236	411	0	659	11%
75 +	98	126	0	228	4%
Total submitters providing data				5,974	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	4,978	89%
Pākehā/NZ European	4,734	84%
Other European	244	4%
Māori	369	7%
Pasifika	132	2%
Samoan	57	1%
Tongan	21	< 1%
Other Pasifika	54	1%
Asian	478	9%
Chinese	237	4%
Southeast Asian	84	2%
Indian	118	1%
Other Asian	39	< 1%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	99	2%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	75	1%
Total submitters providing data		5,622



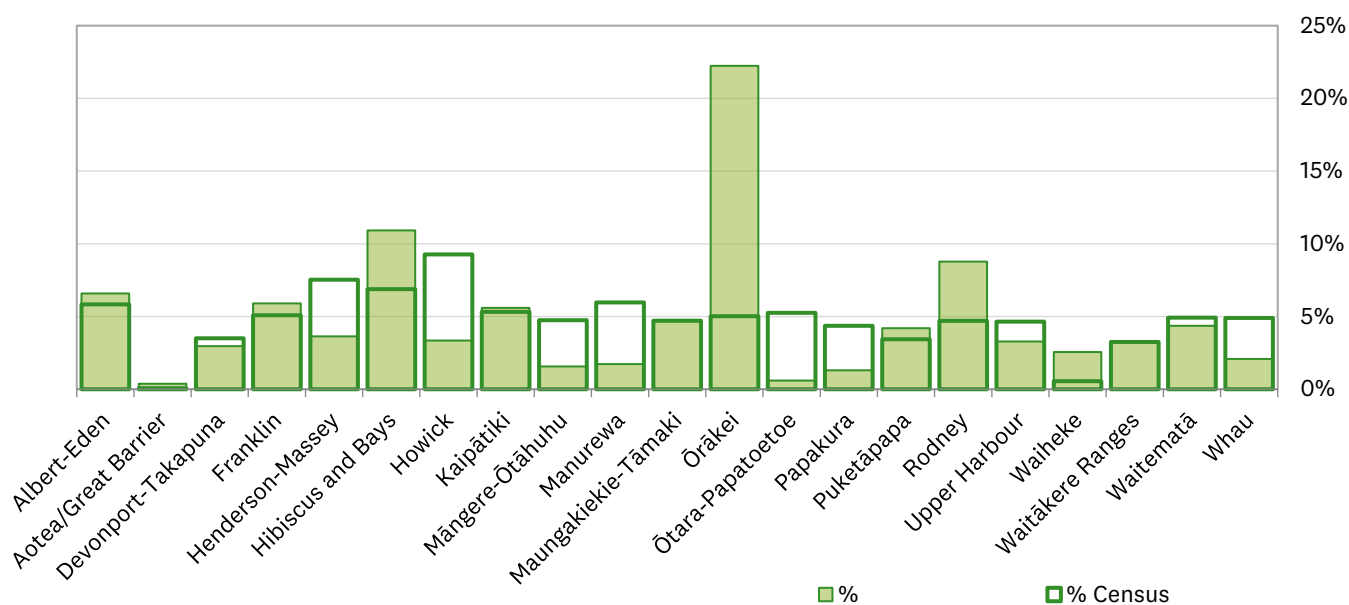
* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (92 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (less than one per cent)
- Email (four per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (four per cent).

Most feedback came via individuals (95 per cent) but we also received 35 submissions from organisations.

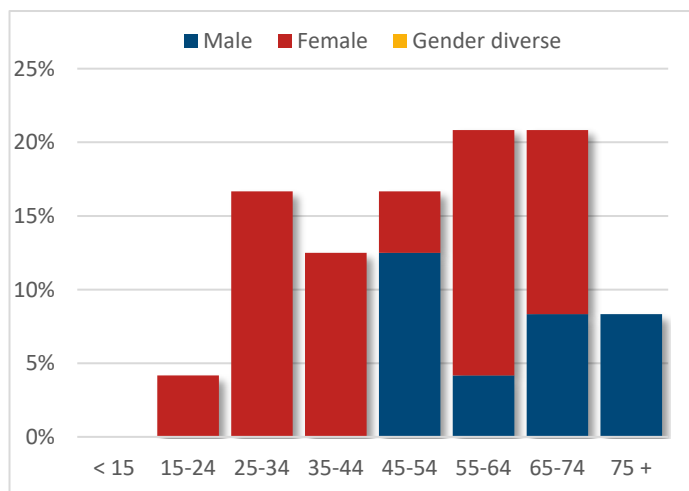
RESIDENT LOCAL BOARD	#	%
Albert-Eden	434	6%
Aotea / Great Barrier	26	0%
Devonport-Takapuna	195	3%
Franklin Local Board	392	6%
Henderson-Massey	240	3%
Hibiscus and Bays	733	10%
Howick	221	3%
Kaipātiki	370	5%
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	103	1%
Manurewa	116	2%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	308	4%
Ōrākei	1466	21%
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	39	1%
Papakura	88	1%
Puketāpapa	277	4%
Rodney	602	8%
Upper Harbour	216	3%
Waiheke	171	2%
Waitākere Ranges	216	3%
Waitematā	288	4%
Whau	138	2%
Other (Not supplied, outside Auckland or regional organisation)	462	7%



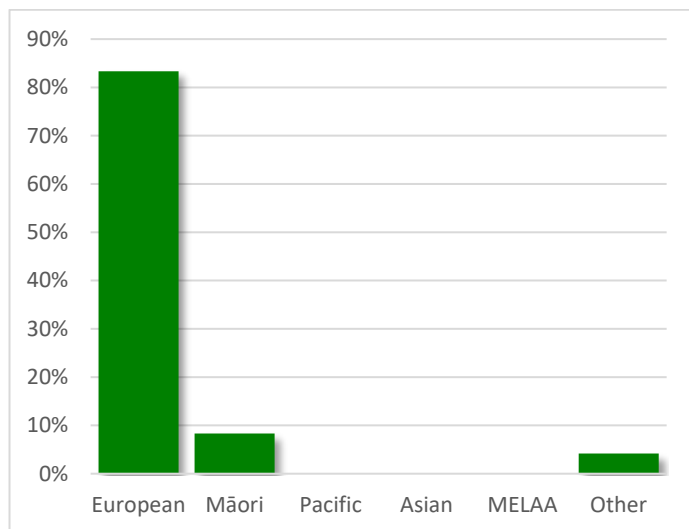
The tables below indicate the demographic profile of submitters from the local board areas that proposed access rule changes to parks in their area.

Aotea Great Barrier

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	0	1	0	1	4%
25 – 34	0	4	0	4	17%
35 – 44	0	3	0	3	13%
45 – 54	3	1	0	4	17%
55 – 64	1	4	0	5	21%
65 – 74	2	3	0	5	21%
75 +	2	0	0	2	8%
Total submitters providing data				24	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	20	83%
Pākehā/NZ European	19	79%
Other European	1	4%
Māori	2	8%
Pacific	0	0%
Samoan	0	0%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Chinese	0	0%
Southeast Asian	0	0%
Indian	0	0%
Other Asian	0	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0	0%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	1	4%
Total submitters providing data	24	NA

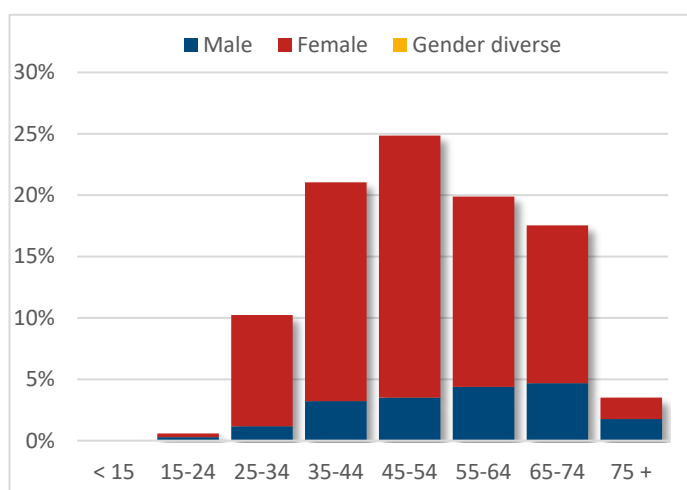


* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

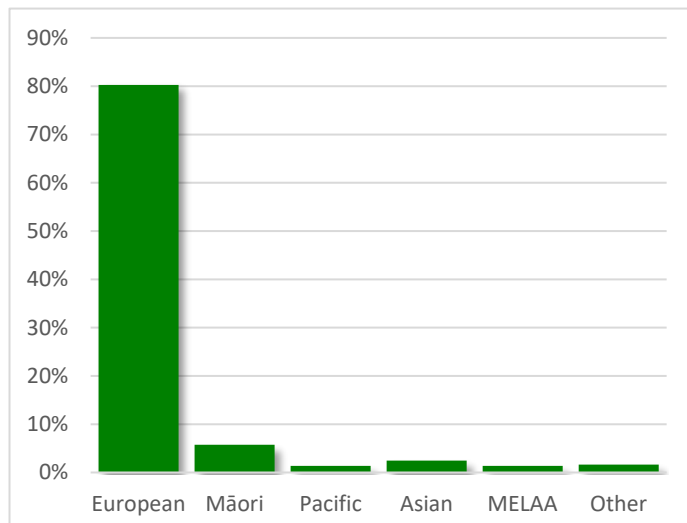
Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (100 per cent)

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	1	1	0	2	1%
25 – 34	4	31	0	35	10%
35 – 44	11	61	0	74	22%
45 – 54	12	73	0	86	25%
55 – 64	15	53	0	70	20%
65 – 74	16	44	0	62	18%
75 +	6	6	0	13	4%
Total submitters providing data				342	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	293	80%
Pākehā/NZ European	273	75%
Other European	20	5%
Māori	21	6%
Pacific	5	1%
Samoa	1	<1%
Tongan	0	0
Other Pasifika	4	1%
Asian	9	2%
Chinese	1	<1%
Southeast Asian	2	1%
Indian	4	1%
Other Asian	2	1%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	5	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	6	2%
Total submitters providing data		365
		NA



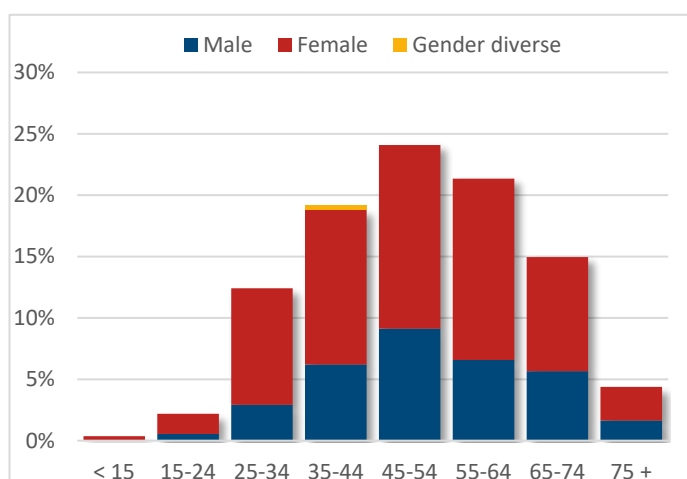
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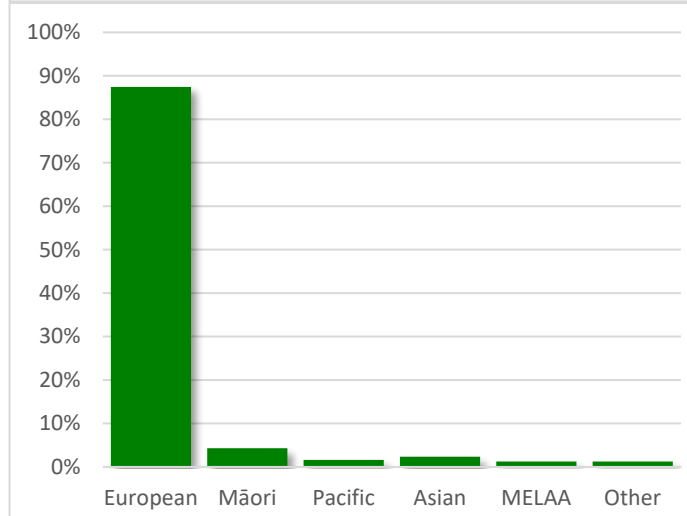
- Our online feedback form (99 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (less than one per cent)
- Email (one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (less than one per cent).

Hibiscus and Bays

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	2	0	2	0%
15 – 24	3	9	0	12	2%
25 – 34	16	52	0	69	13%
35 – 44	34	69	2	107	20%
45 – 54	50	82	0	133	24%
55 – 64	36	81	0	117	21%
65 – 74	31	51	0	83	15%
75 +	9	15	0	25	5%
Total submitters providing data				548	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	487	27%
Pākehā/NZ European	466	54%
Other European	21	4%
Māori	24	4%
Pacific	9	2%
Samoaan	2	<1%
Tongan	3	1%
Other Pasifika	4	1%
Asian	13	2%
Chinese	7	1%
Southeast Asian	0	0%
Indian	6	1%
Other Asian	0	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	7	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	7	1%
Total submitters providing data	557	NA



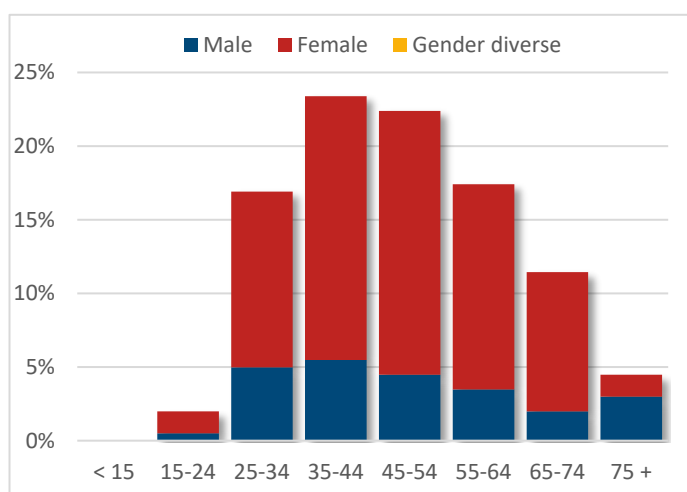
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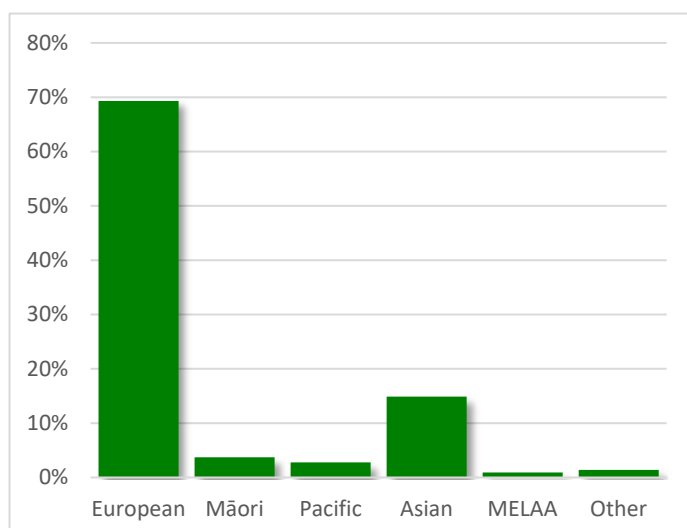
- Our online feedback form (81 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (one per cent)
- Email (less than one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (18 per cent).

Howick

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	1	3	0	4	2%
25 – 34	10	24	0	36	18%
35 – 44	11	36	0	48	24%
45 – 54	9	36	0	45	22%
55 – 64	7	28	0	35	17%
65 – 74	4	19	0	24	12%
75 +	6	3	0	9	4%
Total submitters providing data				201	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	149	69%
Pākehā/NZ European	138	64%
Other European	11	5%
Māori	8	4%
Pacific	6	3%
Samoa	3	1%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	3	1%
Asian	32	15%
Chinese	19	9%
Southeast Asian	4	2%
Indian	5	2%
Other Asian	1	<1%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	2	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	3	1%
Total submitters providing data		215
		NA

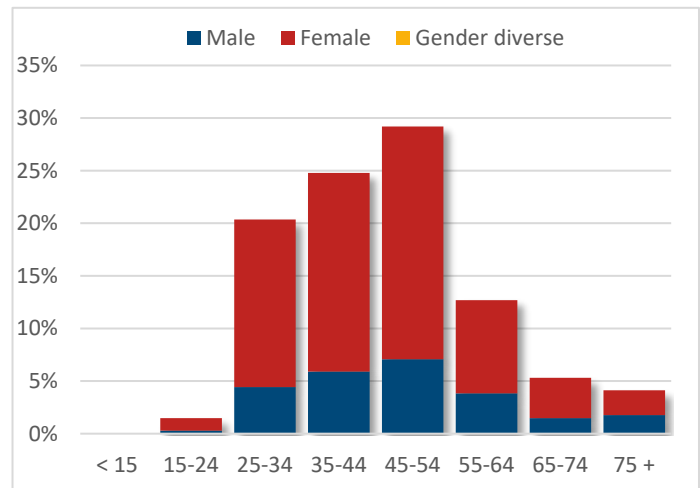


* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

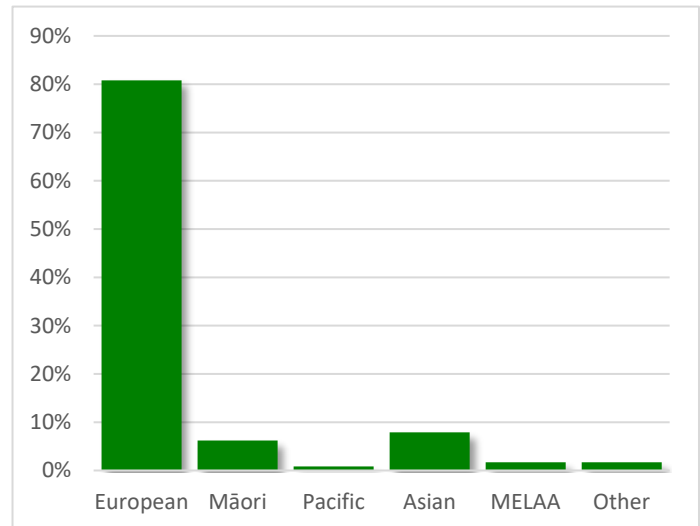
Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (99 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (one per cent)

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	1	4	0	5	1%
25 – 34	15	54	0	69	20%
35 – 44	20	64	0	87	26%
45 – 54	24	75	0	103	30%
55 – 64	13	30	0	43	13%
65 – 74	5	13	0	18	5%
75 +	6	8	0	14	4%
Total submitters providing data				339	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	286	81%
Pākehā/NZ European	276	78%
Other European	10	3%
Māori	22	6%
Pacific	3	1%
Samoan	1	<1%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	2	1%
Asian	28	8%
Chinese	16	5%
Southeast Asian	7	2%
Indian	5	1%
Other Asian	0	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	6	2%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	6	2%
Total submitters providing data	354	NA

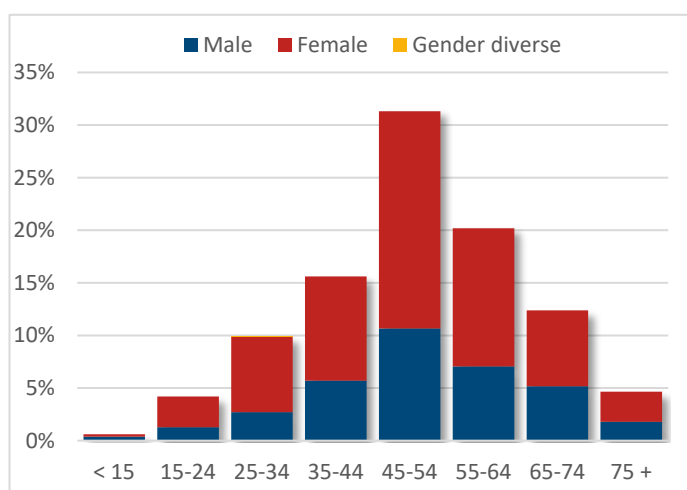


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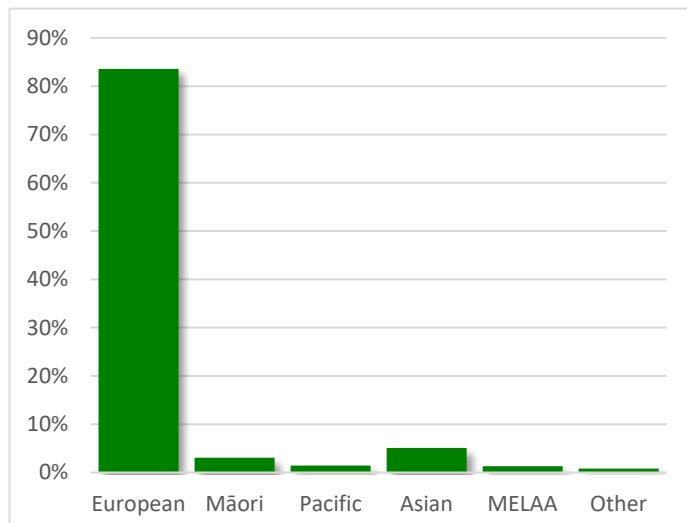
Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (99 per cent)
- Email (less than one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (one per cent).

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	5	3	0	8	1%
15 – 24	17	39	0	57	4%
25 – 34	36	96	1	135	10%
35 – 44	76	132	0	211	16%
45 – 54	142	275	0	419	31%
55 – 64	94	175	0	272	20%
65 – 74	69	96	0	167	13%
75 +	24	38	0	63	5%
Total submitters providing data				1,332	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	1,154	84%
Pākehā/NZ European	1,105	80%
Other European	49	4%
Māori	42	3%
Pacific	20	1%
Samoaan	8	1%
Tongan	4	0%
Other Pasifika	8	1%
Asian	70	5%
Chinese	40	3%
Southeast Asian	15	1%
Indian	8	1%
Other Asian	5	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	18	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	11	1%
Total submitters providing data	1,381	NA



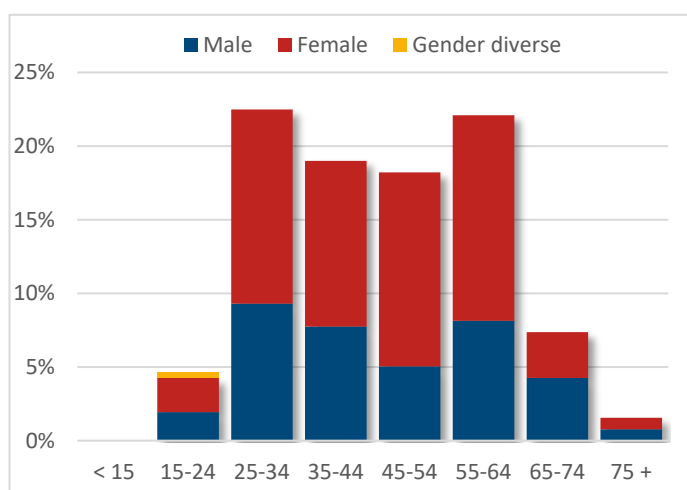
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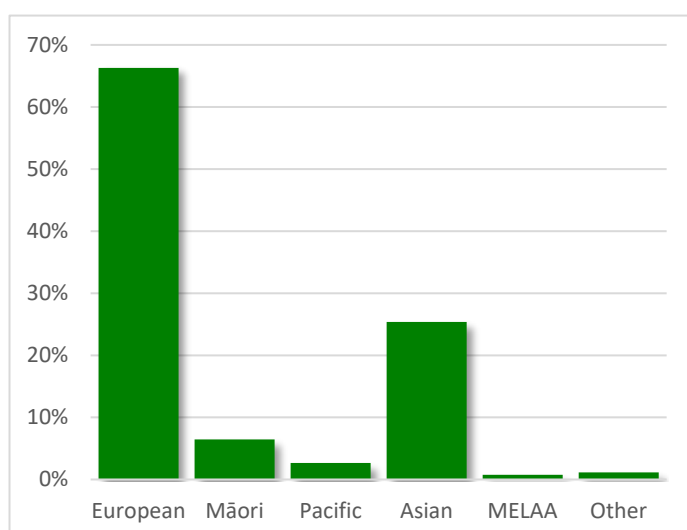
- Our online feedback form (99 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (less than one per cent)
- Email (less than one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (less than one per cent).

Puketāpapa

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	5	6	1	14	5%
25 – 34	24	34	0	59	23%
35 – 44	20	29	0	52	20%
45 – 54	13	34	0	47	18%
55 – 64	21	36	0	61	24%
65 – 74	11	8	0	21	8%
75 +	2	2	0	4	2%
Total submitters providing data				258	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	175	66%
Pākehā/NZ European	167	63%
Other European	8	3%
Māori	17	6%
Pacific	7	3%
Samoa	5	2%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	2	1%
Asian	67	25%
Chinese	23	9%
Southeast Asian	6	2%
Indian	35	13%
Other Asian	1	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	2	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	3	1%
Total submitters providing data		264



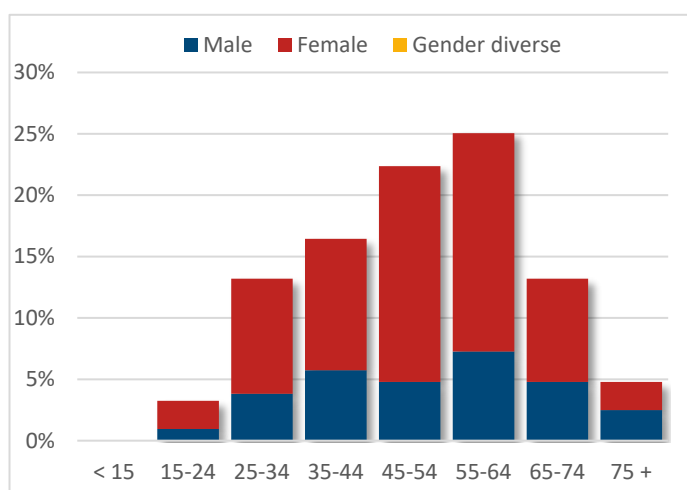
* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

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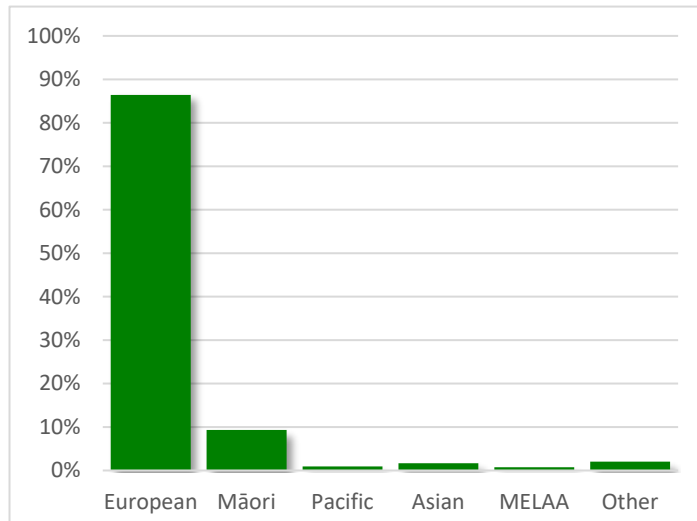
- Our online feedback form (99 per cent)
- Our paper feedback form (less than one per cent)
- Email (one per cent).

Rodney

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	1	0%
15 – 24	5	12	0	18	3%
25 – 34	20	49	0	72	14%
35 – 44	30	56	0	86	16%
45 – 54	25	92	0	121	23%
55 – 64	38	93	0	131	25%
65 – 74	25	44	0	69	13%
75 +	13	12	0	25	5%
Total submitters providing data				523	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	464	86%
Pākehā/NZ European	449	84%
Other European	15	3%
Māori	50	9%
Pacific	5	1%
Samoa	3	1%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	2	0%
Asian	9	2%
Chinese	6	1%
Southeast Asian	1	0%
Indian	1	0%
Other Asian	0	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	4	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	11	2%
Total submitters providing data	537	NA



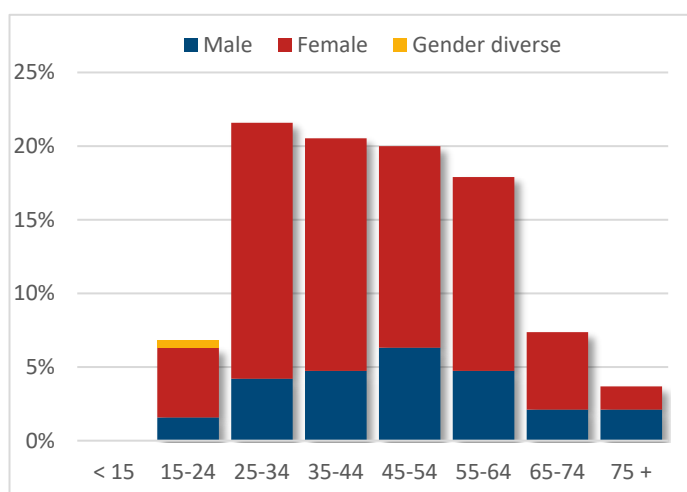
* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

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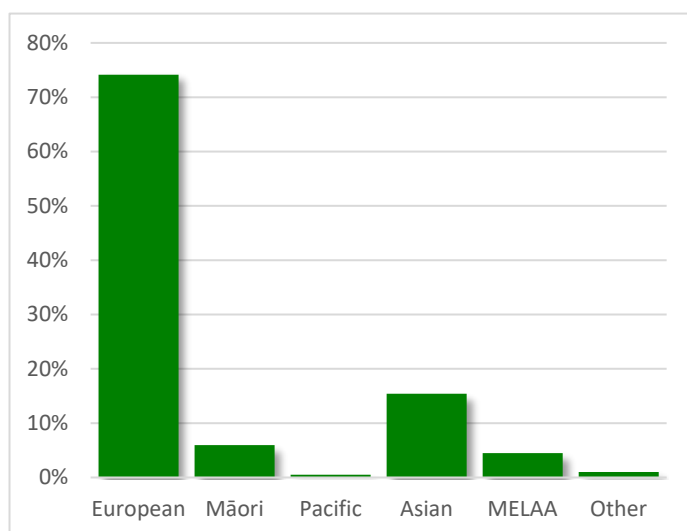
- Our online feedback form (97 per cent)
- Email (less than one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (three per cent).

Upper Harbour

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	3	9	1	13	7%
25 – 34	8	33	0	42	22%
35 – 44	9	30	0	41	22%
45 – 54	12	26	0	38	20%
55 – 64	9	25	0	35	18%
65 – 74	4	10	0	14	7%
75 +	4	3	0	7	4%
Total submitters providing data				190	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	149	74%
Pākehā/NZ European	135	67%
Other European	14	7%
Māori	12	6%
Pacific	1	0%
Samoan	1	0%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	0	0%
Asian	31	15%
Chinese	16	8%
Southeast Asian	6	3%
Indian	6	3%
Other Asian	1	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	9	4%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	2	1%
Total submitters providing data	201	NA

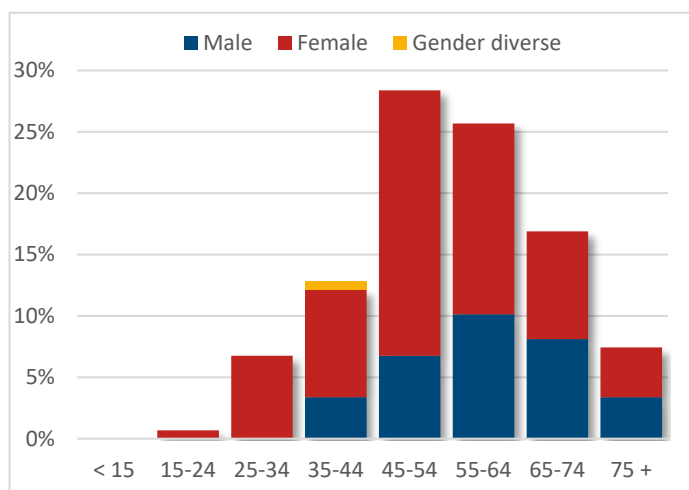


* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

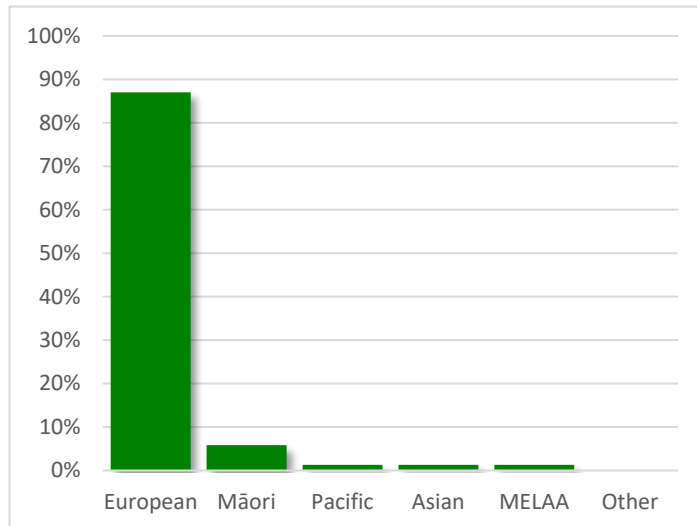
Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (98 per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (two per cent).

AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	0	0	0	0	0%
15 – 24	0	1	0	1	1%
25 – 34	0	10	0	10	7%
35 – 44	5	13	1	19	13%
45 – 54	10	32	0	42	28%
55 – 64	15	23	0	38	26%
65 – 74	12	13	0	27	18%
75 +	5	6	0	11	7%
Total submitters providing data				148	100%



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	134	87%
Pākehā/NZ European	128	83%
Other European	6	4%
Māori	9	6%
Pacific	2	1%
Samoa	1	1%
Tongan	1	1%
Other Pasifika	0	0%
Asian	2	1%
Chinese	2	1%
Southeast Asian	0	0%
Indian	0	0%
Other Asian	0	0%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	2	1%
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	0	0%
Total submitters providing data		154



* Note: submitters were able to select multiple ethnicities

Feedback was received via:

- Our online feedback form (98 per cent)
- Email (one per cent)
- Other, i.e. pro forma campaigns and some verbal feedback (one per cent).

ATTACHMENT TWO: Submissions of note

Dog Friends Auckland Pro Forma

Hibiscus and Bays – Big Manly Beach

I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on BIG MANLY BEACH to restrict dogs to being UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES from Cross Street to the

headland connecting to Tindalls Beach (Schedule 1(4)(a)).

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on BIG MANLY BEACH the current time and season rule remains but that, where a Dotterel nest is identified and marked, dogs must be on a lead within 200 metres of the nest and prohibited from entering a 50 metre zone, to be cordoned off around the nest itself during the nesting season. (as agreed with Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird).

Hibiscus and Bays – Tindalls Beach

I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on TINDALLS BEACH to restrict dogs to being UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES from the headland connecting to

Big Manly Beach to Hardley Avenue. (Schedule 1(4)(a)).

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on TINDALLS BEACH the current time and season rule remains but that, where a Dotterel nest is identified and marked, dogs must be on a lead within 200 metres of the nest and prohibited from entering a 50 metre zone, to be cordoned off around the nest itself during the nesting season. (as agreed with Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird).

Ōrākei - Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: TO RETAIN the current rule of dogs allowed UNDER CONTROL OFF A LEASH on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed.

Reason: There are no other off leash areas that offer the same amount of easily accessible space for local dog owners with flat terrain. Removing this access will mean dog owners will have to drive to alternative locations that are not in their local area. Many of the areas that council are proposing as suitable are small or do not offer safe access for older people or young families with prams and some are not family friendly (Ladies Bay).

Rodney – Snells Beach

I OPPOSE the proposed Dog access rule change on SNELLS BEACH to PROHIBIT DOGS AT ALL TIMES on the beach north of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp.

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on SNELLS BEACH DOGS ARE ALLOWED UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH on the beach north of Sunburst

Reserve boat ramp outside of nesting season.

Reason: Our proposed change is what has been in place for 5 years under a temporary rule to protect shorebirds during nesting season.

Waiheke – Big Oneroa Beach

Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

Waiheke – Onetangi Beach

Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

Individual submitted petition

Petition to Preserve the Off-Leash Status of the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park

We urge the local board to maintain the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park as an off-leash space. This area is more than just a dog exercise zone-it is a vital community hub where residents connect, dogs socialize safely, and responsible pet owners enjoy the park without disrupting others.

We are grateful for the use of the park. My dogs and I visit Monte Cecilia Park every evening. It's our sanctuary-an all-weather play area where dogs can run free, chase sticks, and build friendships. But it's not just about the dogs. This park is where I connect with like-minded people, share stories, and experience a true sense of belonging that alleviates loneliness and builds a strong community.

The proposal to remove the Bowl Area's off-leash status is deeply concerning. Off-leash spaces allow dogs-especially nervous ones-to develop confidence, form positive social behaviours, and enjoy the freedom they need. The friendships formed here, both human and canine, make Monte Cecilia Park a true community.

Dogs don't have a voice, so I am speaking on their behalf. Losing off-leash access would force more dogs onto crowded footpaths, limit their ability to exercise safely, and weaken the social connections that make this park a well loved space for all our residents living in the area.

But this petition isn't just about dogs-it's about people. The Bowl Area brings residents together, fosters friendships, and creates a safe, welcoming space for all. Many who cannot have dogs of their own come here to enjoy the company of friendly pets in a positive environment.

With 1,065 signatures, we are demonstrating the overwhelming community support for keeping the Bowl Area off-leash. The park thrives when it is accessible to everyone, and the Bowl's natural layout makes it the ideal space for off-leash activity without interfering with other users.

Most Auckland dog owners are responsible members of the community. We pay dog registration fees, which contribute to council funding, and we believe these contributions should support well-maintained spaces where dogs can exercise freely and safely. The Bowl Area has provided this for years without major issues.

We respectfully ask the local board to listen to the voices of this community and protect the off-leash status of the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park.

Subject matter of the Petition (note: think about the name of your Petition and how it will look to the public viewing the agenda.	Petition to Preserve Off-Leash Status for the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park
Purpose of the Petition In 50 words or less describe the purpose of your Petition. (note: think about why this Petition is important and being presented to this local board board).	This petition urges the local board to preserve the Bowl Area at IV!onte Cecilia Park as an off-leash space. It is a vital community asset, fostering social connections and providing a safe exercise area for dogs. Restricting access would negatively impact responsible pet owners and reduce community enjoyment of the park

Date of the business meeting the Petition is to be presented. (Action: DA list the dates of your business meetings)	20 February 2025
Number of Signatures to the Petition (Action: DA check for Privacy Reasons that there is no personal information such as addresses (email or physical) that forms part of the Petition and cannot be publish.	1,065

To Auckland Council.

Re considered changes for off leash/dog parks.

Dog-ownership accounts for a significant proportion of households across countries. In a city like Auckland, in a culture that values nature and outdoor activity, a dog park is a significant part of health for thousands. There are significant stress ors living in Auckland, including financial, emotional and culturally, and there needs to be access to social and physical environments we draw on to keep our mental, physical and community health. Research DOES NOT SUPPORT stopping dog {off leash) parks. It's a matter of design issues. Being on leash does not meet the health and social needs of dogs and their owners (i.e. walking alone on leash, socializing while dogs sit, a lack of natural behaviour for both mammals).

Dog parks are part of the largest growing parts of cities across the world. More than 95 percent of people loved them in some studies. Evidence based research, including systemic reviews, have identified that off leash dog parks enable benefits of:

- Safe places for dogs to run. Meet the social needs of a pack mammal (like humans)
- Socialising and establishing friendships for humans. Meeting partners.
- Most people find dog parks a relaxing experience
- Increased physical activity and reduced cardiovascular risk. All-cause mortality.
- Mental health benefits
- Enhancing community connection, engagement, sense of cohesion, and support.

Greater positive feelings towards the neighbourhood. Enhancing social capital.

- Better controlled dogs due to needs being met.
- Reduced criminal activity and increased public safety.
- Increased property values.
- Increased vibrancy.

If you compare the amount of area provided for off leash/dog spaces (e.g., at Monte Cecilia Park) with the amount of land area focused on human's needs across

areas/Auckland (including parks such as Cornwall Park which are often near), it shows the degree of human centric decision outcomes that have been made. Humans have a poor history of sharing. Please see below article (2024) for how to make off leash parks successful.