# Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

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**#300**

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

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

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

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

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I support the proposed change

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

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**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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I do not support the proposed change

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Do not support

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

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

**Tell us why**

It only takes 2 dogs to pack and attack another dog or human. I suggest only one off leash at a time.  Max 3 dogs total with 2 leashed at any given time. Install Cameras at entry points to detect if leashes are being used as often they don't even carry them on their person when dogs are off leash. If an incident occurs there is a record of car parks entry and exit points so that staffing and monitoring can be done from a central location as there are not enough staff to police this physically. Just send the fine in the mail.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Very experienced dog owner who has gotten sick of people not even carrying a leash for their dog.

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Sorry, but dogs ruled as menacing already have to be neutered and wear a muzzle under the current law as well as pay extra rego costs. 0

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**
Support
**Tell us why**
Not sure. Please provide more info. Too vague a question.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**
Support
**Tell us why**
Needs to be made safer.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**
Keeping people safe and their dogs safe should be first and clear second priority.

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs are killing our native bird species in alarming numbers from Blue Penguin to Dotterel. Other parks on Waiheke Island should be amended as well.

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

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

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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

**Location 1:**

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

TE Toki reserve

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

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

**Tell us why**

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

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:A dog off the leash zone compound fenced in in the centre of the reserve in the grassland with the tracks and balance reserved for dogs on leashes

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

Dogs out of control in numbers No leashes used for control and no recall for errant dogs.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

Safety. A dog compound off the leash zone is well overdue with cameras  to monitor.

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

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**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No leash, fine in mail ; simple as that. To not even carry one is criminal.**

**Cameras please everywhere.**

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**#514**

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Do not support

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

**Tell us why**

It's simply impossible for one person, even if skilled, to manage three dogs off-leash while already controlling three on-leash.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support

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Support

**Tell us why**

Users of council areas deserve the right to quiet, unobtrusive enjoyment of such zones, especially young children, those with disabilities, or the elderly.

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Support

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Support

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Where is the data that shows the difference between complaints and actual issues reported? All we are getting is hearsay at this point. I will support a change if I can see the actual data that warrants it.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

How will people pay for the neutering of menacing dogs? And how will this be enforced? The proposal does not make this clear. There will be many people who will be unable to afford this service (who arguably shouldn't have dogs but they do).

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed off leash for some of those tracks.

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#851**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The current restrictions serve no purpose.The western-most tracks from Omiha are a considerable distance from the beach and any shorebirds

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#861**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

I don't know

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

**Tell us why**

I think in some cases this is far too many eg 3 big aggressive dogs potentially in pack mode would be unlikely to be held back by 1 person. However for a dog walker walking a pack of small dogs, 3 off leash dogs is not enough.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

A license to keep multiple dogs should be required everywhere.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

I support the proposed change

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

**#895**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

People walking large groups of dogs in Waiheke are causing issues with dogs attacking other dogs, wildlife and people. Needs to be restricted.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Means I can take my dog for walks around the area where currently I am not allowed despite there being no significant or endangered wildlife in those areas.

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

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

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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

**Location 1:**

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

Oneroa Beach and Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

Means I can take my dog to the beach in those areas during the day when I am swimming and sunbathing,

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

Better dog access on the beaches of waiheke to allow me more freedom to take my dog to the beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#973**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1261**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

I can't see that a single person could control more than 6 dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

I support the proposed change

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1381**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Tara iti need protecting. An "on leash" rule is too loose (and loosely interpreted) and it is simpler to have a complete ban.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Nesting shorebirds need greater protection.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The change does not go far enough.
Greater protection should be provided to protect the nesting sites of Tara iti.
A clear "no dogs" message for Te Arai would avoid confusion or blurring of the lines. Dog owners (myself included) often take liberties, or

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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

**Location 1:**

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

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

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

**Tell us why**

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

To respond to new threats to the environment (e.g. kauri dieback or damage to stream banks). Please specify:From Sixth Ave to the West

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

Nesting dotterel in the area. Dune system.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

Nesting dotterel - I have been there in early morning and seen dotterel in this area. By the time the first dogs arrive on the beach they disappear into the dunes and dune grasses. I have then seen dogs scampering around in the same dunes.

If dogs aren't

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1403**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

The sacredness of the maunga needs to be respected and not have dogs crapping on their mana

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The beach and foreshore is the key area to ban dogs given birdlife

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1431**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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

**Location 1:**

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

Onetangi

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1459**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

Accepted as being feasible in the big spaces to roam.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

No, all make sense and clearer information/education is needed.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1489**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1513**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1716**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

Avoids large groups of off leash dogs which can be intimidating to other dogs and people.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I have walked my dog off lead on the  landside of Gordon's rd for 15 years and always respected the rules and have never seen a misbehaving dog in that time. I think it's unfair to assume owners will be irresponsible and not have their dogs under off leas

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

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

**#1719**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

I support reducing the number but think 6 is still too many. With three on a leash it will be difficult to control the three that are off-leash

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1874**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**#1897**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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**Tell us why**

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

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**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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

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**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

On a leash dogs and owners should have more options for camping and vistgese areas

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**#1989**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

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**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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

**#2000**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

it makes sense. On waiheke i see a person or people walking several dogs, most off lead and ignoring the dog behaviour as they stroll and chat. not picking up the poo or caring what the dogs are up to. there needs to be more control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

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

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**Tell us why**

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

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

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

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

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

**Tell us why**

This only affects commercial dog walkers and I feel that they should be closely consulted. Any negative impact on their business will be a financial burden to them which will then be a financial burden on the individual dog owners who use their services.

I have a dog and have not noticed any issues with the commercial dog walkers as the by-law currently stands

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**#2206**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Apart from the seaward side of Gordon's Road e.g. Dotties Lane, we should be able to walk dogs under control off leash. We have done so safely for many years! Many of the tracks are not safe enough to have a dog on a leash with precarious stairs and expos

**Location 1:**

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**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

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

**What local board area is this location in?**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**We're all for no access for dogs near dotterel chicks but  reasonable off leash access should be allowed.**

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

**#2302**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2391**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I support parts of the proposed change and do not support other parts.  My recommendation as a regular user of the park is that the following be adopted as the most pragmatic future solution and one that reflects what is currently working well, but not co

**Location 1:**

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**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

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**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I commend the council taking the time to amend the rules to be more practical, pragmatic and consistent with how the parks are currently being used. With the changes I suggest I believe the drafts can be tweaked and even better.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2644**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

max 2 dogs with no more than one off-leash and must be under control at all times

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

clarity and consistency of information are both important

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

All of the above examples apply, I live on The Strand and look directly at the beach and have seen many examples of dogs being a problem on the beach to other users

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs on a leash ensure people are not affected by dog behaviours - and owners lack of consideration and others

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2686**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I don't know
**Mahurangi East**
I don't know
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2696**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Lots of dog sitters looking after other people's dogs need to continue to exercise these dogs. These people are very responsible as dog walkers largely because they are looking after other people's dogs and are also dog minding professionals.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

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**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2700**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Palm beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Western end of beach

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Western side isn't used as much by the public and would be nice to not be prohibited bringing my dog during the day.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2731**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Have seen the impact of a "pack" of dogs when walking my own.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Will stop the hassling of native fauna

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Stop the stress to both humans and animals in the high use areas, whilst still allowing dogs in the Gardens

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To give the Kokako the best chance to flourish. To stop stress to sheep and lambs during the lambing season

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To reduce stress between dosgs and humans during the holiday season and t protect the native fauna

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To reduce stress between dogs and humans and issues during the lambing season

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To clarify where dogs can go and to protect the gannet colony

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To protect the native fauna in the area

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To clarify areas where dogs can be walked, to reduce stress caused during the Summer holiday season and protect native fauna

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To clarify areas where dogs can go on or off leash whilst still protecting sheep and lambs during lambing season

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
To protect the amazing native fauna that is re-establishing itself in this important regional park

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Still provides plenty of access for dogs whilst supporting the important native fauna areas.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
AS before support native fauna, allows access to half of the beach and protects lambs and sheep during lambing season

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Clarifies where dogs can go and protects native fauna and lams and sheep during lambing season

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Expands area dogs can be on leash whilst still protecting the areas where the native fauna is established

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:western end

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To protect the korora (Little Blue penguins) that nest at this end of the beach and on the cliff at the end.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

To many dogs already hassle the penguins at this end of the beach and up the cliff

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Blackpool Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:Western

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:To protect the Kuaka and dotterels that try to nest in this area.**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

The local board propose to allow the eastern end to become off leash which would compensate for this protection to these 2 threatened species. Particularly when you understand the migration journey the Kuaka makes.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Oneroa

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leashWestern end from boat launching end

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people). Please specify:More youth being given the opportunity to sail from this area so more dinghys being used in the area.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

More people are using this area and no obvious fauna that use this area. Still limits access to the remainder of the beach as per current regulations**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2732**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

What proportion of complaints relate to dog-walkers. I have been using the same dog walker for 15 years and I'm not aware of any problems. He takes approx 10 big dogs and gives them plenty of exercise (He collects my dogs at 9.30am they get 1 hour bush/park run in the morning and another 1 run in the afternoon in the afternoon before dropping them home at 4.30pm). He also looks after two big dogs which have issues but they are kept on the lead at all times. I have many photos and videos of the dogs happy and contented. I have also seen from a distance many times and the dogs are happy, well exercised and peaceful.

If you restrict the number of dogs that can be walked at one time, the price of dog walking is going to go up and there will be more dog issues from dogs left at home and not exercised enough.

Leave the policy as it is, and deal with any problem dog-walkers on a case by case basis

And, I believe you have more complaints about dog-owners that don't exercise their dogs enough rather than those of us that do take good care of our dogs.

A final point is, paying for dog-walkers is not cheap. I have recently undergone chemotherapy and radiotherapy and had to use the dog walker more - for 2 dogs each day that I travelled to Auckland (from Waiheke) cost $68 for the dogs. A lot of people can't afford this sort of money and if the price goes up there will be even less people can afford this luxury for their dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

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**Tell us why**

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**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2740**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Actually I find 6 dogs to hard to be managed by the dog walkers. They often struggle to keep them under control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

People go to the Botanical Garden to enjoy the flora. A lot of dog owners cannot not control their dogs when they are off-leash.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs disturb the bird life.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Prohibited areas go into more detail. However, it doesn't help if it is not monitored. I do not dare anymore to talk to dog owners. Most become very defensive at the least or aggressive at the worst.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
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**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There is a lot of bird life in Whakanewha and the stricter the dog rules the better.

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**As said before, a lot of dog owners don't keep to the rules if there is no control. And obviously we cannot afford proper control.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2760**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Maximum of 2 dogs must be under control at all times dog owners to pick up the faeces which a lot do not do even with one dog

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dogs should not be allowed at all in the park as many owners flout the law because too hard to police also many native species in that area other than doterels ie wekas gekos more porks etc also some dog owners don't pick up their dog faeces as too hard t

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Owners ignoring the rules faeces not picked-up dogs not under control

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Doterels nesting in that area dogs not under control

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Police the rules dog owners know that they can get away with it**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2771**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Dog access to public beaches and regional parks/reserve areas should be removed completely. Dogs should only be allowed in enclosed areas. This is to protect wildlife, children, the elderly.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

All areas should have to meet the same requirement. You should have a license to keep multiple dogs anywhere in Auckland.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Your documents are hard to follow. Your summary foes include this information

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

We need to discourage people from owning dogs and traveling with them - after a boom during Covid. NZ needs fewer dogs to protect wildlife. In Waiheke Island we are flooded with tourist dogs because the island is promoted as dog-friendly. Dogs spoil our beaches and parks and kill birds. Dogs should stay at home, not going on holidays. Please prohibit dogs' access to Waiheke beaches - just like Rotoroa island. Or at least have only 2 beaches for dogs and always on leash. We have a biodiversity crisis and as a person who doesn't want to share a beach with a dog, I have no choice. All main accessible beaches are off leash - onetangi, oneroa, palm beach. Several websites and tourism organisations and businesses promote Waiheke as a dog friendly place. One example https://www.waihekeholidayhomes.co.nz/about-waiheke/dog-friendly-accommodation/

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Please prohibit access to dogs. This is an area for wildlife refuge.

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Waiheke Island island in general. Palm beach and onetangi beaches in particular

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

This should be multiple choice. This a problem. Plus other: to minimize aggressive behaviour scaring children and vulnerable people. Plus to respond to increased presence of wildlife; i.e. dottorel nests. Plus to respond to changes at location; we simply

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Waiheke is being promoted as a friendly dog destination. It shouldn't. Council / the board should discourage people traveling with dogs and pets. Dogs should stay home, not go on holidays.

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Put wildlife first. Access should only be on leash at all times.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2879**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Running bigger packs of dogs on parks and reserves is not reasonable and can cause problems for other dog walkers.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2933**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Max number of dogs should be two, none off leash, unless in designated space. Number of dogs owned should be a maximum of 2z

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There needs to be a greater penalty for not having dogs on leash in public area and on the streets within Auckland. Also, all dogs must be kept in fenced garden, or on rope. Those that don’t abide get 3 warning before dogs taken to pound and owner not allowed dogs for X number of years.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All dogs and owners should be registered. Max number of dogs Auckland wife should be 2. All kept in fully fenced sections.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

No dogs should be allowed.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should not allow dogs in regional parks.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Otakawhe Bay, Pearl Bay, and Orapiu Bay beaches

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

With the vulnerability of korora, Kiwi, and weka in the area, it’s time to make dogs on leash and under control across all 3 beaches.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2935**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I believe 6 dogs on leash is the maximum that can be controlled satisfactorily, and 3 dogs off leash is the also the maximum that can be supervised properly.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3008**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Appropriate and manageable numbers, even for dog walkers

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Not sure what the proposed change to access rule is, but I support that all dogs to be on leash at all times on all council controlled mountains within Auckland area

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3054**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

This is welcome. Dog walkers provide a valuable service to dog owners, however large numbers of dogs, especially off-lead, are impossible to control properly. Lack of control means irritation to other dog owners who ARE in control of their dogs, and other members of the public using public spaces

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Changes sound sensible, especially to allow connectivity between allowable areas at the moment (Rocky Bay to Whakanewha)

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3188**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during**

**lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3256**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I don’t have an issue with this change BUT the fundamental issue in Auckland is there is the lack of penalties or oversight for those who break the rules and cause harm. Unregistered dogs, off lead, unsupported not picking up dog poo . The actions of a few make it difficult for those who love and look after their dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3712**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There are very few dog owners who follow the rules now. As a long time resident of walking on Onetangi Beach I do not like dogs charging up to me and many owners who have several dogs do not notice when their dog has defecated and therefore miss picking it up. Dogs who are chasing birds do not come when called by their owners. I think less dogs per person is required.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3738**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3968**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It is imperative for people to be able to control their dogs with multiple users of the track, I would prefer 4 maximum as 6 still seems like too many. No one in the community uses the Portafiled Track in Whitford as they are too scared of commercial dog walkers who are not in control of their dogs. Today one of the dogs walked by a commercial dog walker went missing & there has been a death of a residents dog by commercial dog walkers. Signs need to be erected so the rules are clear & the situation monitored for compliance as residents feel intimated & powerless.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

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**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

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**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4003**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This is legitimising current useage of residents from Rocky Bay which has been causing no concern or problems for the park staff or protected species. As a long term Park Ranger at Whankanewha from 1995 for 16 years I know that this is a wise proposal

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

The proposal to stop dogs from 7th Avenue is impractical and pointless. Dotterels at Onetangi are doomed for nesting and restrictions only cause annoyance and unnecessary restrictions

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

The proposal to stop dogs from 7th Avenue is impractical and pointless. Dotterels at Onetangi are doomed for nesting and restrictions only cause annoyance and unnecessary restrictions.

The current situation works well and should be maintained as it is.

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog rangers should be empowered to have much more control over unruly and badly behaved dogs that give other owners a bad name. Our current ranger is no effective**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4065**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I agree with providing access from uplands and gordons road to provide walking access from Omiha.

I agree to allowing dogs on all landward sides of Gordon's road

I DO NOT agree with having to keep dogs on a leash everywhere. Walking a dog on a leash on b

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

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**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4100**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This is not a solution to an issue regarding dog control. It seems like council want to appear they're doing something and this is a short cut way to actioning any rule - rules for the sake of rules. This will hurt a lot of small businesses who manage their dogs very well, while not addressing the core issue of poor dog control - if a walker can't control their dogs, it doesn't matter if there's 1, 6 or 10 - an accident will happen. Do something useful please council and enforce better dog management rules.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4116**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think the numbers are still to high.

I'd like 4 - 4 - 2

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4161**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

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**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4248**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Walking 6 dogs on leads can be done safely by a professional dog walker or trainer. Off lead, has other risks and I would agree that 3 is max.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4371**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think it should actually be less than six but this is a good start

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I don't think dogs should be off lead in this park. There are kiwi.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

nesting dotterels

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs should not be allowed off lead on beaches**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4379**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Firstly this is a rule for the sake of making a rule it is pure bureaucracy and absolutely ridiculous

It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever and whoever came up with this idea clearly does not have any idea about what dogs are like in a group they actually behave like a pack and a better behaved together then they would be even on the own this clearly shows a lack of knowledge of canine behaviour on the part of the council.

Thirdly the idea of a dog being under control is purely up to the owner and from what I have observed from many years of dog walking and being a professional dog walker I have observed that the owners are the issue not the dogs and in most cases 99% of the time it is the bad behavior of one dog with one owner that is the issue not a group of dogs that are well behaved and walking with a pack leader I honestly feel like this regulation suggestion is an absolute joke I have heard nothing but bad reports from everybody about this ridiculous idea.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4404**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

It would be good to have more on lead under control areas on council and doc land

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I would have dogs on leash in the northwestern area in (2) and the high use areas in (3).

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4484**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

All dogs should be on lead in all public areas , unless specifically off leash dog parks. On leash on beaches.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Want more restrictions for dogs to be on leash on beaches. Off leash dogs are a menace to others and leave feaces behind, many owners fail to pick up or control their dogs on beaches.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Restrictions to make all dogs on leash , unless at off leash dog parks.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs on leash. Safest for everyone. Many dog owners have proven they cannot stop their dogs approaching others.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

On leash , have been approached by others dogs whist out walking my dog. Owners never except the problem to other dog owners by their dog being off leash.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Yes restraining all dogs to on leash prevents problems with dog feaces being left behind because they did not notice. Also preventing dogs off leash from approaching unleashed dogs because owners say their dogs is friendly.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I have a large van park and walk my dogs from the sculpture car park on leash, up the road to the track , then down okay track back to car park. The dogs are never off leash, so no problem to park in car park and walk straight out to road.

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs should be on leash, so they are not a nuisance to other users. Off leash dogs approach other dogs on leash. Dog owners do not have off leash dogs under control. All owners should be made responsible for if their dogs approach another dog**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4504**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This is unnecessary and just another rule for the sake of it

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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**#4542**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4635**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I thought tarata track used to be off leash and this is our preference.

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Oneroa Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Far end of Oneroa Beach (Korora Road end)

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

It is shaded for dogs so we can take them for swims in summer and enjoy the beach without having to leave them at home. People who don't like dogs have the whole rest of the beach. It will lead to less drama/arguments/rule breaking too if we have a design

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

It's unfair not being able to access any nice beaches in summer with our dogs. Lots of people do it anyway which leads to arguments and reports.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:Far end from Charlie’s restaurant to First Ave

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:It is shaded for dogs so we can take them for swims in summer and enjoy the beach without having to leave them at home. People who don’t like dogs have the whole rest of the beach. It will lead to less drama/arguments/rule breaking too if we have a design**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Unfair that we can’t enjoy the beach in summer because we have dogs. People often bring their dogs anyway which leads to arguments and drama.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4651**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I support there being walking access with dogs from Rocky Bay through  to Whakanaewha Regional Park. The tracks proposed to be included will allow for practical and well used access while also providing a wide buffer protecting the doterell habitat closer

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**This is a really good practical change that is being consider, thanks Auckland Council**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4661**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It is safer for one person to have less dogs when walking particularly off leash

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To have access to a few more landward side tracks for dogs on leash would be a great improvement

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

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**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**More access and Sensible on leash rules will give greater pleasure to al when making use of Regional parks**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4734**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed at certain areas of Waiheke beaches all year round. As long as owners are responsible and respectful to others

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

S they cannot breed other dangerous dogs

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Because decisions around such matters seem to be made from afar by people with little or no experience/knowledge of areas outside of Auckland cbd

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed at certain beaches all year round

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

A lot of policy seems outdated

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Obviously because of being outdated and duplicate!

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I am strongly in favour of allowing dog access to certain beaches on Waiheke all year round. As a dog owner and frequent beach goer I rarely see an issues when dogs are allowed on beaches

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4784**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

The amount I selected seems more reasonable. And people will be more able to manage that number. 6 seems too many.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I have been bitten and terrorised by menacing dogs at various times and it interrupts my right to peaceful enjoyment of my environment.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs should not be allowed on such land.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Dogs and their owners already have a lot of freedom. I'm keen to reduce this so that people who are frightened of dogs can enjoy the natural environment.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It seems that with more access there will be more loss of other animal life. Human nature is to push the limits of what is allowed. So if extra access is allowed on leash, then it can be anticipated that people will access these areas off leash.

**Location 1:**

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**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I feel that native birds, insects and other animals are more important than dogs, an introduced and dangerous species. I don’t support extra freedoms for dogs. Some owners are not responsible enough and some have a sense of entitlement that means that non**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4864**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Packwalkers provide an amazing service to the families with dogs. Good responsible packwalkers who have the dogs under control are very good at what they do. Limiting their numbers will impact their ability to provide this service effectively. It's only the few that don't know what they are doing that is affecting all the hold responsible pack walkers. Not only are they providing exercise ie, they provide the opportunity for dogs to be well socialised and include training. Maybe impose a licensing protocol rather than limiting numbers.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4870**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It sounds the same as the existing access??

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4891**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Omiha (Rocky Bay) is an important and popular community on Waiheke and provides an excellent start point for walks within that locality. The proposed option provides direct walking access from this community into Whakanewha Regional Park from which there

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**What local board area is this location in?**

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**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

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**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# #4891

**Dog Access (on and off Lease) to Owhanake Reserve, Waiheke Island: current Time and Season rule should be changed to allow dog access under control off-leash at all times. This is because this is a highly popular dog walking area that is not well frequent**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4893**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Because as a dog owner,  there are too many specific rules on walking your dog from your house to the beach and on the beach.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs that are agressive especially males are known to be less agressive when neutered. And are less likely to wander.  Good rule.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

This needs to be assessed by more than one professional.  ie.  Vet or Dog Behaviourist.  Or if they have attacked a person or another dog then they may not need this assessment or the assessment can be done by the Dog Ranger.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Need to know more about this.  How many dogs etc etc

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Access should be made simple and parks public places should be available for dogs and their owners to be in under certain rules.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

This needs to be under consultation as not sure what the ramifications are

THIS RULE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED AS A DOG OWNER THAT HAS COMMUTES FROM WAIHEKE EVERYDAY TO AKL WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE OUR DOG IN THE CAR IN A RESTRICTED AREA IF WE WANT TO ATTENT THAT PLACE THAT IS RESTRICTED.

Dogs confined in a vehicle or cage are not exempt from prohibited dog access

rules.  THIS NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO CAN HAVE ACCESS IF THEY ARE CONFINED IN A CAGE OR A CAR.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

THE RULE ABOUT DOGS THAT ARE IN SEASON CANNOT ENTER A PUBLIC PLACE SHOULD BE REMOVED.  TOO FAR REACHING

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

DOGS CANNOT WALK UNLEASHED ACROSS A SAND DUNE IF WITH THEIR OWNER.  THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

3) Medlands Beach: from the beach access beach access at The Lane walkway to the south, stopping 100 metres north of the creek. On a leash from beach access at The Lane walkway north and from 100 metres north of the creek

THIS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ALL OF THE BEACH - AS CHILDREN SWIM IN THE CREEKS WITH THEIR FAMILY DOGS.

PEOPLE LAUNCH BOATS WITH DOGS HAVING TO GET INTO THE BOATS AND CARS.

NO CLARIFICATION WHY THIS RULE WAS MADE ANYWAY. AS IF BIRDS, BIRDS MOVE THEIR NESTING GROUNDS ALL THE TIME.

AS PAR AS DOTTERALS ARE CONCERNED MOST DOGS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THEM OR OYSTER CATCHERS.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on lease in these areas.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed in all areas of the park including the cafe outside. Like all other restuarants and cafes in NZ. If they are on a lead. scap all the restrictions. Families with children who want to go to a cafe or a playground or any other public place should be allowed to take their dogs if ON A LEASH.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed in all areas if on a leash.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on a leash in all these areas.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

dogs should be allowed on an off a leash as per the current laws

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

People with campervans should be allowed to have their dog with them

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on the beach at any time.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

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**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Medlands Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Aotea/Great Barrier

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Remove all beach restricitons to dogs.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs are an important part of peoples lives and most dogs if under control do not pose a threat to bird life.

It is roaming dogs that attack nests if at all.  But cats and rats are the biggest problem happy for Bird Activist to fence off area that have

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationDogs should be allowed on the beach at all times of the day.**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs should be allowed on the beach at all times of the day.

with a mixture of off and on leash.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Regional parks should allow dogs.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4908**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think there should be a limit as I have watched dog walkers not having dogs undercontrol. One leading to the euthanasia of that dog.

I do believe also the Council should go further and require professional dog walkers to be licensed and have completed so.e animal behaviour type training and health and safety training.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I am a Rocky Bay resident who backs onto the regional park. I have two dogs and this is a great option. I would say though that having them on lead can be quite difficult in practical terms as the tracks are not well formed and therefore the risk of tripp

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

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Onetangi Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:From 3rd Avenue

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Having an area of this popular beach all year round will allow dogs to be part of family activities during the summer months. It will also allow non dog users to avoid this part of the beach and not be disturbed by dog activity outside of the seasonal tim

**Location 2:**

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Oneroa Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:From Korora Road

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:This is a part of the beach primarily used for boat launching and is away from the popular end of the beach for beach goers and picnicking**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

This is a great opportunity to use a part of the beach not frequented by swimmers and picnic goers. It is used sometimes for boat launching.

It will give a designated area year round for dogs to be part of family activities.  Again signage is critical to

**Location 3:**

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**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5198**

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Local Board: Waiheke

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5465**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

If dogs are on a leash there isn't a problem, is there? This change makes a problem where one doesn't actually exist and penalises people who for various reasons can not access the beach before 10am and after 5pm in the summer.

The prohibition on dogs IN VEHICLES is a reaction to what problem? Surely a dog is permitted in uour own vehicle!

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It is simple at present  - allowed on the landward side, not allowed on the seaward side. Why complicate things?

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5666**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**What local board area is this location in?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5935**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

Other (please explain below)

**Mahurangi East**

Other (please explain below)

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I do not think that dogs should be permitted in any Regional Park because of birds and other natural wildlife. Even the best behaved dogs disturb the natural wildlife with their barking and or smell.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I do not want any dogs off leash in the Muriwai Regional Park area or anywhere on the Beach.

I go there with my grandchildren who have been rushed at and jumped up on by unruly dogs both on and off-leash. Owners do not always have full control over thei

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should not be permitted anywhere in Whakanewha Regional Park, even on the leash.

The diversity of wildlife in this Park should be fully protected. There should be NO dogs in this Park.

The paths are narrow in many areas and it can be difficult to pas

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Onetangi

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waiheke

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

I walk on this beach regularly. I have been confronted too many times by off leash dogs, owners ignoring any rules- allowing dogs to chase sea birds, go into the rocks and bush area at the western end disturbing possible birds, not picking up poo etc. esp

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

There should be NO dogs off-leash on Onetangi Beach. At any time.

Especially NOT between First and Fourth Avenues where the majority of day visitors walk. Or the western end where the Dotterils and Oyster Catchers mainly congregate.

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6282**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Even 6 dogs seems like a lot for a single person to deal with. Some people cannot even control one dog off a leash, so three off leash seems a lot. Why not make these people get licences where they have to show they can controls dogs?

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No, other than effective enforcement of the rules is vital

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Just seem to be clarifying what is already the case

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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It is good to have a bit of the beach where an out of control dog is not running around.

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First, the Kowhai track is not included in the list of tracks.
It is good for there to be clarification, as many people do not seem to understand the dog prohibition on the seaward side of Gordon's road. More signage (and enforcement) is needed.
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**It is not enough to change or clarify rules, the rules need to be enforced.  And enforced often.  We often visit regional parks, choosing those where dogs are either prohibited or where dog off leashes are far away from other areas.  The number of dog own**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#7044**

Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, name, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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