
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3C. Hunua Ranges Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
64	Other (please explain below)	Support dogs being under control at all times (buy not necessary onlead) Do not support loss of cossey-massey loop walk which goes round dams as we walk it as a family with our dog and is very restrictive for responsible dog owners who have well trained dogs and pick up rubbish. It is already very restrictive in auckland to walk/hike with out dog as a family unlike in the south island Agree with 2c and 2d
525	I do not support the proposed change	What is the reason for proposing the change to prohibit dogs from those tracks and roads? I don't think it should be changed without clear explanation and reasoning
636	I support the proposed change	For the reasons I have given regarding the previous park.
960	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to walk on lead through all public tracks.
1198	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1530	I support the proposed change	Clearer
2297	I do not support the proposed change	We enjoy the Hunua ranges for tramping with our dog as so many tracks in auckland are already off limits. Please dont strip us of this too, its ridiculous!
2781	I do not support the proposed change	Banning dogs from so many areas will impact many families abilities to utilise the area and enjoy family time. The requirement for dogs to be under controls is sufficient.
2784	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive. As long as they are on Lead and responsive to owner.
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
4096	I support the proposed change	Allowing dogs on a leash to have access to this limited area of the park makes it safer for visitors to the park, stock and wildlife.
4368	I don't know	I have general concerns about any restriction of green areas where people and dogs can exercise. Especially on 'conservation' grounds, as I fear that such changes are driven more by ideology than fact or science. Also that these changes are not addressing more fundamental concerns about dogs in Auckland - undercontrolled breeding, which underpins growing issues like free-wandering, menacing, attacks on other dogs, cats, people, wildlife - in the final analysis all dog related problems including conservation related, are a numbers game. Continual killing at the pounds won't fix. Education and mandated/facilitated/funded de-sexing is required. This general comment from me applies to all the regional parks.

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4412	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4512	I don't know	Auckland needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.
4538	I support the proposed change	I agree with dogs being away from lambs and waterways.
4947	I do not support the proposed change	How I read this, the change will stop dog owners being able to camp.
5130	I support the proposed change	Balance
5245	I do not support the proposed change	A dog on leash can learn good behaviour in new environments. It helps stimulate & add to their enjoyment
5621	I do not support the proposed change	I recreate by hiking and mountain biking with my dog
5840	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be able to run on the mountain bike tracks
6538	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are on a lease, why can they prohibited from areas. I'm ok with mountain bike areas, as that is not safe for the dog, but the other areas when under control should not be an issue
6822	I do not support the proposed change	It sounds like you can't get around the tracks with dogs now. I think there should be course to enable dog walkers to be able to do a complete loop of these tracks with a dog.
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD		
1748	I do not support the proposed change	i don't agree with not allowing the dogs to stay at campgrounds
6780	I do not support the proposed change	I agree with some of the ideas above, my concern is if you remove access for dogs and mountain bikes where are people going to ride with their dogs. If you are restricting access in one area can you not compensate in another area. I understand and support dogs being prohibited during lambing season BUT PLEASE PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTIFICATION of when this is. Most of us are so far removed from any kind of farming we have no idea when lambing season is. Regarding picnic areas, if people want to go on a picnic with their dog where are they supposed to go? Schedule 1, rule b is why I don't go camping.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
1954	I do not support the proposed change	There are already plenty of places that dogs are not allowed, people that don't like dogs can go there. Think of the dogs quality of life having to be on lead all the time. They need to be exercised off lead (as long as under control) for their mental and physical health. You should be going after people that have unruly dogs that are causing trouble, not responsible dog owners that already abide by the rules, because you will find most people do! Have you seen the mess that HUMANS leave behind at our beaches and regional parks, they leave rubbish, cigarette butts and all sorts, you should be going after these people, not dogs.
2461	I support the proposed change	Clear signage needs to be put in place along with maps outline these changes as soon as possible for dog owners

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3688	I do not support the proposed change	Because
4790	I support the proposed change	Better for people to enjoy
5129	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs get hot too and need to cool off in the water. Where do i take my dog if i want a picnic! If they are on a lead and are with me , not causing a problem with people around, what is the problem. If one person does not like a dog and there are 50 people who do, why should the one person rule.
5722	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to accompany their people on camping trips
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
305	I support the proposed change	Given hunua is an isolated area I think it is important to ensure no preventable dog related incidents occur as people would have a lengthy wait for medical assistance, dogs should be required to be on leads.
350	I do not support the proposed change	Why do so many tracks need to be closed?!?!
509	I support the proposed change	Dogs are a constant issue on walking tracks even when on a leash. I've been bitten twice by dogs on a leash where a owner was unable to control a single dog in both cases.. Ban them completely!
655	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on lead anywhere in the park.
711	I do not support the proposed change	It seems like you're trying to ban dogs completely from the area. I often walk alone on some of the quieter tracks and feel much safer having a dog with me. I don't think I'd feel comfortable walking these tracks completely alone.
780	I support the proposed change	As per previous I have seen dogs out of control, not their fault.
906	Other (please explain below)	Current signage in the Moumoukai end of Hunua ranges is not great and unclear whether dogs are allowed there or not - I often see users walking dogs off leash up Lilburne, Ernies etc and I can understand why - either that are ignorant / arrogant or actually did not see the signage as it is not in a prominent space. If walkers are allowed on MTB tracks, why can't they have a dogs with them on leash?
1030	Other (please explain below)	I don't see a reason for the dogs being prohibited on so many tracks. As long as the dog is on leash I think it should be ok to walk a track.
1163	I don't know	It isn't clear why you are banning dogs from some of these tracks. Totally understand prohibiting them from the reservoir areas and again would understand if it's due to risk to native birds but it isn't clear here what the reason is.
1182	I support the proposed change	Dogs on.leads and controlled should have the greatest possible access to most areas. Not playgrounds or cycle only and any water supply
1194	I don't know	Sorry didn't mean to Comment on hunua
1288	I support the proposed change	Dogs prohibited on horse tracks for safety of all

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1290	I support the proposed change	sensible
1312	I support the proposed change	Clarifies the prohibited areas
1401	I do not support the proposed change	I believe dogs should be allowed on leash in all of the Regional parks
1475	I support the proposed change	It does need to be more specific. Some people still release their dogs and say they are fine off leash. Some owners ruin it for responsible dog owners. If it says on leash at all times that is what it should mean so that is what the signs should say they are not clear. They should be more specific and say...even if you believe your dog to be safe to have no leash, this does not mean the law does not apply to you. Everyone and ever dog should be handled the same way with same rules.
1495	Other (please explain below)	It is enjoyable to be able to take my dog on walks, I feel if they are on-lead they shouldn't be a threat. I think they should be allowed in picnic areas "on-lead". I support not off-lead in these places. I support the prohibiting camp ground because of families. I support prohibiting during lambing season.
1569	I support the proposed change	We do not want the city water contaminated by Dog droppings. Dogs should be on leash where there is use of 1080 to protect the dogs. Dogs should be prohibited from MTB tracks for the safety of riders.
1585	I do not support the proposed change	Many people doing long distance tracks in the ranges rely on dogs for safety and companionship, I frequently take my dog which is always on a short leash and runs with me which gives me a sense of security and confidence, without the ability to run with my dog I would not feel the same about being on these tracks
1586	I do not support the proposed change	I think it's unfair that a controlled dog on a leash should always be prohibited from a lot of the Hunua ranges walking tracks, especially when I walk them with my dog often and will rarely see a single other person out there. Why should a controlled leashed dog not be allowed on a daily walk when others are not even using the tracks/ranges?
1663	I do not support the proposed change	Your proposed rules will only affect responsible dog owners. They are discriminatory and grossly unfair. I strongly oppose the changes.
1673	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed new laws are unfair and will not be effective. The effect will be disproportionate and not reduce unwanted behaviour. They will unfairly affect responsible dog owners who are law abiding anyway. I strongly oppose these changes.
1685	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the changes
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1770	I do not support the proposed change	Too many tracks prohibited

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1777	I do not support the proposed change	The Kokako have thrived with the presence of dogs on leash exceeding everybody's expectations. It is very hard for a dog to bother a bird while running on a leash. It also appears that your proposed policy has already been implemented with no explanation or consultation suggesting this request is a sham. Signs banning dogs have been put on trees to piggots hut and Ernie's track contradicting existing signs. Rangers don't know why. There are cats in the park, they kill. DOC has shown that hawks kill more chicks and nesting birds than dogs. There are stoats visible on the tracks you have banned dogs. Dogs off leash have been used for pest control for years in the areas inhabited by the kokako while the kokako recovery program flourishes. Obviously dogs on leash with runners on track will not be an issue. This seems to be an anti dog policy. People who use the bush support conservation. I have reduced my time in the Hunuas since dogs were banned and have little interest in supporting the area if I can't use it because of bad policy.
1797	I don't know	I don't know enough about the areas.
1922	I support the proposed change	Only issue is once your out in the bush no can see and everyone let's there dogs off anyway cause again no gives a *****... so again unless there's a park police or alike why bother changing anything
2212	Other (please explain below)	Stop removing areas dogs can visit. All this will do is cause a spike in behaviour related issues. Dogs are treated worse than criminals in this country. There is absolutely no reason why dogs can't be on leash in all areas of this park.
2242	I do not support the proposed change	I have never seen an issue with this. One of the last places you can walk a dog for proper exercise. Why the ban?
2263	Other (please explain below)	I support the changes but there can be a new rule on dog allowed tracks, for them to be allowed under control off leash? Sometimes can be walking in there for 3 hours in the middle of the bush with a completely controlled dog around nobody else. Doesn't really make sense to be enforced to keep them on lead. If they must be on lead deep in the ranges can you provide the public with the reason
2422	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules protect areas, animals and people that may not be dog people already...
2727	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibit dogs from Wairoa Reservoir means we cannot walk our dogs on the very popular Suspension Bridge Loop. At most, the part near the dam could be an on leash area, while all the rest should be off leash, as long as your dog is well trained and well behaved, otherwise walk on leash with them.

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3376	I do not support the proposed change	I think the logic on the bike tracks makes sense and I support that. I don't support the change to the walking trails. I 100% believe dogs should be on lead in sensitive areas to protect the birds (I'm a massive stickler for that with the dotterels at Te Puru) but I do not support restricting them. As a responsible dog owner, I can guarantee that my dog on a lead won't upset the waterways, the dam or the birds. I can say though that as someone that only visits the ranges a few times per year, keeping track of where my dog can or cannot go is too complicated! I just want to drive to the ranges with my kids, do a hike safely and go home. People are not going to be able to keep specific trail rules straight. The beaches are easy and people still don't follow those rules.
3420	I do not support the proposed change	We are locals in Hunua and frequently take our dog on leash on this area, i think this is a great walk and will spoil it for the area not being able to do this
3906	I do not support the proposed change	Because there arent many areas in the south to walk your dog. why take one of the few areas away or reduce it .
3923	I do not support the proposed change	Surely a giant forest is a place where all users can go and enjoy the space... dog owners included. Why do mountain bikers get priority over dog walkers? I have walked the Hunua tracks several times and have never had a problem with dogs or owners - of all the places on the planet to visit with a dog surely the bush is one of them... ridiculous proposal!!
3985	I support the proposed change	They make sense.
4011	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control on a leash represent no hazard to wildlife or other persons.
4079	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great dog exercise area for off leash activity. On leash areas should just be camping and picnic areas. All tracks should be off leash.
4088	I support the proposed change	Make it safer and accessible to all.
4191	I do not support the proposed change	It is far too restrictive and not fair on the owners of dogs. You are being reactionary when making these changes. Dogs need space to exercise and you are making it too difficult for dog owners to be able to walk their dogs. Eg dogs already have to be on a leash on the mountain bike track so why prohibit them.
4285	I support the proposed change	There are children and adults that are afraid of dogs! Even on leash it can create a lot of anxiety in people. By not allowing dogs at these popular visitor spots, marine reserves, areas affected by Kauri Dieback disease, and any area that is trying to bring back endangered bird species such as Dotterels. It's simple, don't allow them the space to create problems there.
4428	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed restrictions mean that dogs will hardly be allowed anywhere in the Hunua Ranges - so another place in Auckland that you can't take your dog to.
4443	I do not support the proposed change	There are already so few places dogs are allowed
4482	I do not support the proposed change	These areas are perfect for exercising a well controlled dog. With all the proposed changes I am wondering where we will be able to walk and exercise our dogs! Responsible owners are being punished for irresponsible owners who will not comply with these new rules anyway.

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4493	I do not support the proposed change	Wairoa loop and cossey's dam loop are great tracks and dogs should be allowed.
4521	I support the proposed change	The dogs may cause distraction on those various above mentioned tracks.
4557	I do not support the proposed change	support mountain bike tracks no dogs must have clear signage better information on the internet etc, multiple conflicting dog rules in one park make it confusing to navigate
4705	I do not support the proposed change	Unnecessary
4716	I do not support the proposed change	Love being able to bring my dog here. Would love off leash on some tracks!
4726	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and their owners should have access to all parks
4874	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you reducing access for dog and dog owners there is no point. Current rules are fine
4911	I support the proposed change	I would love to continue to take my dog places and if that requires her to be on lead so she can join us I'll be happy.
5154	I support the proposed change	Rules need to change for people's safety
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5864	I support the proposed change	keeps dogs away from areas where there are other animals, people, and bikes
5872	I do not support the proposed change	We need more places that we can go to with our on-leash dog, not less. Restrict the number of dogs rather than restricting the areas they are allowed into.
5906	I do not support the proposed change	I frequent Hunua falls; the Wairoa loop track, Ernies Track, the Suspension Bridge, and the walks near the falls themselves. I agree dogs should be on leash at all times, to protect this beautiful area and also to respect other dogs and other walkers as you pass. Typically I only see good dogs there - as irresponsible dog owners who own menacing breeds tend to be out of shape individuals who do not do disciplined exercise such as a bush walk. It is unfair, that a well trained loved dog is stuck inside for 5 hours while their owners walk in the bush without them. STOP PENALISING GOOD DOG OWNERS. DO MORE TO PREVENT THE BREEDING OF MENACING BULLY CROSSES. MAKE MENACING BULLY CROSSES THE MINORITY IN OUR SHELTERS INSTEAD OF THE MAJORITY.
6073	I do not support the proposed change	Again, give us appropriate dog space
6088	I do not support the proposed change	There are already very limited places we can take our dog, sharing the traks is a better alternative.

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6200	I do not support the proposed change	If the dogs are not allowed on all these tracks that simply means for our family that we are not able to use these tracks either. This is not fair, since our dog walks very well on leash, we made sure that he is well trained and obedient. He certainly does not stray off the track. We have never had any issues or complaints from people in any public spaces. Why are we penalised? We pay rates and taxes that presumably maintain Regional Parks?
6347	I support the proposed change	I think the old policy doesn't explain clearly enough and the new wording is a simplification. It's easier to read and doesn't leave you with questions no body has an answer to.
6368	I do not support the proposed change	Controlled dogs should be able to frequent the park with no more limitations than people including cyclists.
6434	I support the proposed change	Respect to the environment and the people who use it. Further specific restriction is required to achieve this.
6660	I do not support the proposed change	We need areas to walk our dogs
6746	I do not support the proposed change	Is good to be able to walk the tracks with your dog. Take these away and the alternate is to go to places with more people around, and more concentration of dogs. The tracks are more remote and a better workout for dog and their human
6812	I do not support the proposed change	Hunua is a massive regional park, there should be an allocated areas for controlled off leash dog access within this regional park. Especially around the horse riding areas, as horse riders often have dogs to take with them. Also noting that, there is no lambing around the horse riding areas.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
832	I do not support the proposed change	Why can people not take their dogs camping?
950	I do not support the proposed change	Giving dogs no access essentially.
1055	I do not support the proposed change	I feel cutting access to dog owners going on walking tracks is unfair, the majority of us walk our dogs on leash and our dogs don't attack wildlife also majority of people clean up after our dogs, it isn't fair refusing access because of a few people
1203	I do not support the proposed change	It is no problem to anyone just the way it is, there is getting less and less places to take/walk a dog which in the long run is going to cause more problems with dogs being locked up, not exercised and therefore barking and causing more trouble. The current rules are already too strict. Can hardly take my dog anywhere anymore

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1412	I do not support the proposed change	It is already ridiculously hard to find places to walk dogs ESPECIALLY if you want to allow the dog to be off leash. We claim to be a country that loves animals but there are very few places that you can actually take a dog which is crazy considering almost one third of Aucklanders have dogs. Summer is particularly difficult as it is so hot during the day, and you can't walk the dog unless it is at a beach or river where they can play in the water to cool down. However, the council continues to make this harder and harder particularly in summer. Either provide more beaches that are dog friendly and create more dedicated dog friendly off leash parks and walks that aren't small boring areas, around the whole of Auckland. Or at the very least do not put this proposal in place. You claim that the reason for these changes is to minimize risk in these areas. The reasonable solution would to be to create somewhere that people can go instead.
1426	I do not support the proposed change	a - if a dog is on leash and under control on a walking track, there should not be a problem? b - I mountain bike with my dogs in other places regularly as part of their exercise, they follow me, without fail. If a person is taking their dogs with them to do an activity like this, they're trained.
1606	I do not support the proposed change	You are taking away so many places for people to exercise their dog and enjoy at the same time. it's backwards instead of improving its just restricting and becoming unreasonable
1666	I do not support the proposed change	Often mountain bike tracks can be easily negotiated with an on lead dog and can easily be pulled over and controlled when a bike heads in your direction. These are so confusing that I needed to read it twice but basically, removing dogs from all the tracks is hideous and reduces the small areas when a person can walk their pet, there is no need for such extreme restrictions it, if the dogs are on lead and controlled, I am battling to understand the requirement? . Bike riders seem to be taking over the whole frigging country!! Furthermore even in lambing season as long as owners keep their dogs away from the lambs this should not be an issue but again its a lack of adherence to the current rules that are not enforced, rather than an issue with the rules themselves.
2293	I support the proposed change	They are clearer in detail where dogs are allowed and whether they can be on or off leaah
2308	I support the proposed change	This the amended policy rules are far clearer and easier to understand.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	You are limiting places to walk and explore, despite charging a huge licencing fee, for no logical reason.
5352	I support the proposed change	Its great you're actually specifying it. We wanted to do the Cossey Massey loop track on Saturday and couldn't find on your website if dogs were actually allowed, so we didn't go. Make sure you update your website please!
5419	I do not support the proposed change	Understanding the why behind this change is important. I don't agree with restricting more tracks for walkers especially if the dogs are on leash.

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6317	Other (please explain below)	Owners that take the time to take their dogs with them are generally good conscience dog owners., Providing dogs are well controlled, ie on a lead, they should be allowed to accompany their owners. Stop unnecessary restrictions, they are a healthy and important component of family life and wellbeing.
6540	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to be able to walk my dog on the tracks.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
533	I don't know	Too many limitations on tracks, means that people cannot use the Park to get a good walk
566	I support the proposed change	To limit all the various harms badly behaved dogs cause
607	I do not support the proposed change	It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY.
690	Other (please explain below)	More dog access should be granted at this park
706	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be prohibited fully from this park. That would make it very easy to enforce. Otherwise people will not be clear where or when they are permitted.
864	I do not support the proposed change	We walk these tracks with our dog on a leash
1026	I do not support the proposed change	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in Gulf Harbour and we have nowhere to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all regional parks.
2022	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed everywhere humans can go as long as they are under control and mess is picked up
2140	I do not support the proposed change	It is a pleasure to be able to walk with your dog in a beautiful setting. If there are kiwi or young animals in the area then the dog should remain on leash. My dog is about to complete kiwi aversion training as we have kiwi on our private land. How about making this a requirement for entry to regional / bush parks.
4777	I support the proposed change	Self explanatory
5385	I support the proposed change	I'm an animal lover big time But I see so many dogs leaving traces of faeces in the areas near and around regional parks Also lots of distress for nesting birdlife
5430	I do not support the proposed change	No clear reason for change

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5602	Other (please explain below)	While I understand you want to protect wildlife, if you really are serious about wildlife protection I'd recommend removing access altogether for humans and dogs in the tracks mentioned in section c of the proposed changes. People do damage too and it feels unfair to prohibit dogs when they are only part of the problem. In my experience dogs often stay very close to their owners, if so if they go off the track when off leash they are often doing as their owner allows. I'd prefer you either ban humans and dogs, or make this on-leash.
5712	I do not support the proposed change	I understand that native wildlife is important so on a leash is understandable but access should not be reduced. I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
5946	I do not support the proposed change	Same reasons
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
164	I support the proposed change	The policy sounds reasonable.
541	I do not support the proposed change	There are too few dog-friendly exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly on AND off-leash exercise areas, NOT less! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!! Cats are responsible for far more bird killings than dogs! Why do Council still allow cats to roam free and be-unlicensed, un-neutered and unrestricted numbers in households?
1520	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine as it is.
1810	I do not support the proposed change	Does not specify clearly where dogs are allowed.
1837	I support the proposed change	Great place for dogs.

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1857	I do not support the proposed change	A successful country is not depends on banning dog everywhere, instead we should educate people or tighten the rule in animal welfare and responsible as an owner. Prohibit dog to enter park or walk to a not a best way to solve the problem but tighten the rule in owning a dog will be more humane and more effective.
1962	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to camp with owners! At the moment theres very little to no campsite allowing dogs to camp with owner. U can have owners sign to some sort of agreement that they'll be responsible dog owners. I love camping but i dont have much choices around Auckland that is affordable. And most council campsite are empty, so why not allow dog owners camp with dogs
2124	I do not support the proposed change	We need more tracks that allows us to bring our dogs with us! We want to be able to enjoy our leisure time with our dogs!
2135	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting the already limited are dogs can be walked
2218	Other (please explain below)	I do support the majority of the proposal but you basically have shut off ALL tracks, why not just say Hunua ranges is a dog free zone. The rules are not that clear.
2464	I support the proposed change	The new proposal increases the clarity around where dogs are and are not allowed. This will help people follow the instructions.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous.
2707	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules at Hunua Ranges Regional Park. These changes excessively restrict access for responsible dog owners without clear justification. Prohibiting dogs from tracks and roads connected to the Kohukohunui Track, as well as additional tracks north and east of Lilburne Rd and Pukapuka Track, severely limits access to key areas of the park. The current rules already exclude dogs from sensitive areas like the Kohukohunui Track and water supply dams, which are reasonable protections. Expanding these exclusions unnecessarily restricts public enjoyment of the park for responsible dog owners. Similarly, banning dogs from single-use mountain bike tracks is unwarranted. These tracks are already shared spaces where dog owners and cyclists can coexist with proper rules and enforcement. A blanket prohibition unfairly excludes dog owners rather than addressing specific concerns. Instead of further restrictions, I recommend maintaining the current policy and focusing on better enforcement of existing rules. This would strike a fairer balance between protecting sensitive areas and ensuring equitable park access for all users.

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2913	I do not support the proposed change	If i understand correctly, this would mean we could not walk all the way up to the dams as they would be near the water supply. Fully understand they can go in the water but walking across the top of the dam (incl lambing season) on the suspension track is required to complete the loop. The dogs do not have access to the water or paddock, in turn, on leash, does not make much sense on why that would be prohibited now. Support on lease around the picnic, water and lamb paddock area. Do not support prohibiting the camp ground, surely most dog owners camp so they can take their dog? As always should be under control and on leash when/where appropriated but not to ban altogether thanks
3911	I do not support the proposed change	That's way way too restrictive. Dogs (and people) need shady cooler places to be exercised in Summer and the hunua ranges are a key dog walk area for us in this regard. Dogs should be allowed on leash on all walking tracks and parts of tracks that go near dams. Off leash I'm negotiable on, but on leash SHOULD be allowed!!!
4378	I support the	There are other areas that dogs can use but I think it keep everyone safe to have
4475	I do not support the proposed change	Controlled dogs on a lead in all areas should be acceptable! Controlled dogs off lead should have allocated areas for running, playing and swimming!
4566		Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off leas access.
5019	Other (please explain below)	Dog should be allowed in all areas of the park if they are under control. The current regulations are old fashioned and out dated. Many responsible dog owners are being excluded from enjoying the park with their dog.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
5786	Other (please explain below)	I do agree partially with the Proposed Amended Policy rules. I believe dogs, on a leash should be allowed in certain area's of the camping area
5832	I do not support the proposed change	I want to be able to take my dog on-leash on the track areas. Otherwise I won't be using them.
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be banned from regional park
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
160	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.

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289	I support the proposed change	I agree dog areas are required and specific parks throughout the region should allow dog access - others should be completely dog free. If dogs are allowed then it should only be in a clearly defined area and it should be all year round. The prohibited areas should be set aside in a manner that reduces compliances issues for council. For instance the farm paddocks should be off limits all year to avoid compliance issues.
865	I do not support the proposed change	I think they are too restrictive and dogs should be allowed on lead in most areas
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members to us, just like our children. So why are there so many regulations for them?
1654	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control.
2013	I support the proposed change	This is fair for all who use those regional parks. I don't see a problem keeping a dog on a leash in these area's.
2105	I do not support the proposed change	I agree that dogs should be prohibited from mountain biking tracks, but on lead and under control does not pose any threat or risk whatsoever to any other space.
2511	I support the proposed change	Although it seems a bit extreme, the message is clear - pretty much no point taking your dog there
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2994	I do not support the proposed change	Please do not make dog access rules any more restrictive than they currently are
3286	I do not support the proposed change	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
3429	I do not support the proposed change	Do not support proposed change 2c)
4153	I do not support the proposed change	Changing the dog rules will only punish those who already abide by current expectations and won't change the behaviour of those that already ignore them. But it will negatively impact how local families with dogs can enjoy our parks and beaches. Dogs need to be able to have spaces to run off-leash and release energy. If they don't, it will just lead to increased behavioural issues and boredom which will likely manifest into increased barking and reactive dogs in our neighbourhoods.
4167	I don't know	Prohibiting from the mountain bike tracks is fine but why the others? Seems like there is already a lack of places to walk dogs, I don't support any proposal to further limit this unless there's a conflict with the main purpose of the track
4592	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are adding unnecessary restrictions
4616	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed at all in Regional park
5318	I do not support the proposed change	As per before.
5363	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack. If they are to be allowed, this should be on leash at ALL times... and no more than 1 per person.

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5585	I do not support the proposed change	I don't know why dogs are prohibited from so many tracks listed above.
5684	I do not support the proposed change	Way too restrictive and don't understand your logic. If dogs on lead what is the issue
5897	I do not support the proposed change	Re 2 (b) and (c) - dogs allowed on leash
6092	I do not support the proposed change	While protecting wildlife is essential, it's important to ensure that sufficient dog-friendly areas remain available to accommodate the needs of dog owners.
6413	I do not support the proposed change	The hunua is large beautiful piece of bush that i love to walk my dog in, being that she is already on lead she can not harm any wildlife. Instead of prohibiting completely why not make muzzles compulsory, to please both sides
6832	I do not support the proposed change	I think again laws should only be changed if there is a real provided issue. Frogs and their owners need freedom.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	I do not support the proposed change	Don't agree with no access to tracks provided on leash
933	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change is more restrictive, not less. Do Auckland Councilors just hate dogs? It's already difficult enough to find walking tracks and trails that are dog friendly in Auckland. I struggle to see a sensible reason for prohibiting on-leash dogs on walking trails.
1080	I do not support the proposed change	Someone obviously doesn't like dogs, but prohibiting dogs from The Ranges is effectively excluding dog owners from The Ranges. This seems like an unnecessarily exclusionary policy.
1847	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for dog owners will only make them more desperate and less cooperative, there are such limited options as it is. And removing on lead connecting/nearby areas is going to make it even harder for dog owners to comply.
2483	I don't know	I don't know those areas
4302	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to some waterways
4321	I do not support the proposed change	I would only support the prohibition for Kokoka Area Management and Lambing season.
4759	I do not support the proposed change	You are banning dogs who are already on lead from most of the tracks. Priority should be given to actually ensuring on lead rules are followed. It will become impossible to walk a dog in Auckland if this is followed, which is cruel
4772	I don't know	I can't remember the tracks and what that leaves for dogs at Hunua
5081	I support the proposed change	Clarifies details
6024	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is clear and works well

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6278	I do not support the proposed change	Being able to take my dogs with me into the Hunua Ranges means we are able to enjoy the ranges as a family. If I wasn't able to take my dogs with me - I'd be unlikely to go to the ranges. Potentially I can see what you may not allow dogs into areas where there is livestock - particularly during lambing season. I did take my dog through a paddock with sheep - she was onleash so it was ok.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
396	I don't know	No map so hard to envisage the impact of the changes.
628	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support reducing access for dogs in the Hunua Ranges. Auckland has a very large dog ownership population. Reducing spaces for dogs to walk and gain valuable enrichment will cause more problems, not solve them.
1223	I don't know	This park needs a map but I generally support the rules as I understand them here.
2629	I don't know	I couldn't find a map comparison but the new plan doesn't appear to leave many track options at all.
2922	I do not support the proposed change	I agree not on the mountain bike tracks, but all other tracks should be available
3449	Other (please explain below)	I believe dogs should be allowed on leash and under control on all of the tracks as many people tramp/walk/hike these paths and their companion is their dog. For some women this is a much protection as a hiking buddy. (on hikes my dog has made me feel safer, it is a consequence of todays society that we can be more vunrable walking by ourselves). Could there be awareness training instead, like the kiwi training that must be attended by dog an owner
3896	I do not support the proposed change	Changing the politics to make it complicated and unnecessary. Who is going to police these changes when every time ive walked this track idiots have their dogs off leash with no control or knowledge of its whereabouts.
4166	I do not support the proposed change	Based on the fact that all the walls are already on lead only, there is no need to ban dogs completely. People that don't want to interact with dogs already have choices and areas they can be in to avoid dogs.
4213	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be banned from these areas. How can they be cleaned properly to ensure they don't spread disease in and around the forest. People also don't keep their dogs on leashes in the tracks - and has been the case for years. People won't listen to this, they need a ban because they cannot be trusted to control their animals in a safe way.
6351	I do not support the proposed change	Having walked and ridden mountain bikes in the park with a dog for more than a decade, I strongly disagree with the change. Mtb trail dogs are usually in "work mode" on a ride and are totally focused on their owners. They are not a threat to other users in general. Also regularly walk my dog on a leash on various Hunua trails and to take this away would be a shame and a disservice. Only the lambing time clause should apply.

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6580	Other (please explain below)	Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.
6622	I do not support the proposed change	Same as first question
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
615	I do not support the proposed change	I would love an off leash area pls
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.
739	I do not support the proposed change	Again the issue lies with uncontrolled dogs. Those which are well behaved off leash are not the challenge. Propose a strong focus on dog management/ownership vs punishment for all. Recommend an update to 'Dogs which do not have strong recall or can not be controlled off-leash should be on leash at all times'. Focus on the issue and responsible management of these dogs vs punishment for both owners and dogs who are managed, well behaved off leash.
783	I do not support the proposed change	Too complicated, start with the banned areas. Sentences like "Dogs are prohibited from on mountain bike only tracks" are very hard to understand. Use maps.
1082	I do not support the proposed change	Maintain current
1768	I do not support the proposed change	For many dog owners the animal is a part of the family and enhances the family's enjoyment of spending time in the outdoors- I support dogs not being allowed during lambing but under control they should be allowed on tracks and in the water
2099	I do not support the proposed change	There is minimal walking trails and beaches to have dogs of lead and there should be times of the day when this remains possible
2335	Other (please explain below)	I support this change, but this needs to be absolutely clear & easily accessible through maps on the Auckland council website & as many other sources as possible
2545	I do not support the proposed change	why
3771	I do not support the proposed change	No dogs in hunua ranges. Important native habitat.

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3959	I do not support the proposed change	Its the only park in Auckland that dogs enjoy all over access Limiting their access means owners can't enjoy it either From times i have visited ostly people with dogs
4152	I do not support the proposed change	It is working fine as it is.
4211	I support the proposed change	Improved language is clear
4470	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
4876	I support the proposed change	It is much clearer where dogs can go. I've struggled to figure out based to the current wording.
5500	I do not support the proposed change	I like walking my dog on the cossy loop track, under control I see no reason why dogs can't be allowed on the track. I support prohibiting dogs from lambing areas.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Being off leash if they are under control is safer on the tracks. At least give off leash times
6078	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that dogs should be allowed on the tracks outlined in 2.c. , as walking with dogs (on leash, undercontrol) provides no negatives to the flora and fauna of the regional parks and is a pleasurable way to spend an afternoon.
6181	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash near the water and on the tracks. I agree that during lambing season dogs should not be allowed.

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6444	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes to access for the following reasons: 1. Unfair Restriction of Park Space The newly prohibited area represents a large percentage of the park, prioritizing other groups use at the expense of others who have peacefully enjoyed it for years. This is neither fair nor reasonable. 2. Restricting responsible dog owners from using these spaces goes against this fundamental purpose. 3. Lack of Supporting Evidence The justification for these restrictions lacks factual support. 4. Misplaced Focus on Irresponsible Ownership The proposed changes appear to target issues related to irresponsible dog ownership. 5. Impact on Community Connection Recreational spaces play a vital role in fostering social connections. This is particularly important for those without children or who live alone, as it may be one of their primary social outlets. 6. Contradiction to Auckland Council's Dog Policy With increasing dog ownership, the focus should be on maintaining—or expanding—public spaces for dogs rather than reducing them. This aligns with the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs, which aims to: - o Maintain opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public spaces. - o Minimize problems caused by dogs through appropriate management. - o Protect dogs from harm and ensure their welfare. As per the Council's own policy, dogs provide companionship, emotional support, and help foster social connections. Please take these factors into account when making your decision. Thank you.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
209	I support the proposed change	Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs.
369	I do not support the proposed change	Hunua's is a great place for dog walks and this would limit access too severely
388	I do not support the proposed change	Other than areas lambing is, where dogs absolutely should be kept out from, allow on leash dogs.
417	Other (please explain below)	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing nad dog ownership, not making it impossible le for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.

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505	I don't know	I understand the lambing session, mountain bike tracks and some areas in Hunua that might need protecting, but everywhere? This is a huge area and family, responsible pets should be and to use an area that includes a water way as a good exercising area.
519	I support the proposed change	They will still have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences for not following the rules.
643	Other (please explain below)	I support all the proposed changes except 2 c) because many trail runners responsibly take their dogs out that way currently and I would like it remain that way.
806	I do not support the proposed change	I really value being able to take my dog on long bush walks. The Waitakere Ranges are essentially closed to dogs and so I want the Hunua Ranges to stay open to dogs on-lead. I currently take my dog on long bush walks which we both love and I would hate to lose the ability to do that. When on-leash, dogs should be able to go on these tracks.
952	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive. This means we can't take our dog to Hunua Ranges for a hike.
1114	I do not support the proposed change	I feel that areas to take your dog are already very limited, especially over summer and I therefore disagree with restricting, reducing and limiting these areas further I go trail running with my dog and the areas I can go with my dog around Auckland are already very limited. As a solo female trail runner, I feel a lot safer running with my dog and ask you to not reduce the already few trail runs that I can enjoy with my dog. I love Ernies loop for example and would like to enjoy this with my dog - ideally off leash (under control). It is not a heavily used trail and a perfect playground for me as a trail runner as well as for my dog
1341	I do not support the proposed change	Too draconian and controlling bureaucracy. Also this proposed policy treats small and medium sized dogs with the same treatment as aggressive larger dogs. Post-covid there has been a significant increase in small-medium sized dogs in families and rules need to adapt as 'dogs' under policy definition is too broad
1436	I support the proposed change	Need to protect the forest
1734	I do not support the proposed change	Again, ridiculous
1781	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all tracks as long as they are on a leash. There is no risk to wildlife and bikers need to be aware of people walking anyway so should slow down when they come across walkers regardless of whether they have a dog or not
1861	I do not support the proposed change	Happy with current rules. Wasting council time with overthinking this as opposed to moving to including dogs in daily life as is managed in many European countries.
1905	I do not support the proposed change	dogs should be allowed on the mountain biking tracks
1957	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas on a leash.

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2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2712	I do not support the proposed change	I vehemently disapprove of this proposed change. There are very few places to go hiking with your dog in the Auckland area, and this proposal takes out all of the walking tracks around the upper Mangatawhiri resevoir. What is the reasoning for this change? This proposed change will greatly reduce the areas to hike with your dog in the Hunuas. You hardly see any dogs on the tracks there anyway, so why is this is a problem? If the dog is on a lead what harm is there?
2734	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly disapprove of this proposed change. There are very few places to go hiking with your dog in the Auckland area, and this proposal takes out all of the walking tracks around the upper Mangatawhiri reservoir. What is the reasoning for this change? This proposed change will greatly reduce the areas to hike with your dog in the Hunuas. You hardly see any dogs on the tracks there anyway, so why is this is a problem? If the dog is on a lead what harm is there? I have yet to encounter any individuals on the walks who have had negative comments about my dog! As long as the animal is on trail and under control there is no issue!
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Wasting time. The rules sound similar. Again - Councillors should focus on core services only.
3571	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are currently supposed to be on leash in the park. I do not see any good reason that they should be banned from the proposed areas. I have never seen dogs there roaming out of control. Responsible dog owners should be able to walk the proposed banned areas with their dogs without doing any harm. If the proposed areas are banned from having dogs, this will leave very few areas that someone can walk their dog in the Hunua ranges.
3695	I do not support the proposed change	It should be the decision of the dog owner to allow Dogs to be on/off leash rather than a mandated law. I strongly oppose these changes.
4132	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting the space dog uses have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4580	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are important part of families and the majority of dog owners are responsible enough to know to keep their dog out of trouble in specific areas
4634	I do not support the proposed change	Do t see a reason why dogs can come walking with their owners here. On lead should be er be a problem!
4660	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be more tightly restricted in this area. The policy should also expressly ensure that dogs are not permitted in any picnic areas, as the current bylaw does.
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
4762	I support the proposed change	dogs should be on leash on the trek routes

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4775	I do not support the proposed change	This only caters for non dog owners. That is not a fair reflection of our society.
4831	I do not support the proposed change	I would support the off-mountain bike tracks if you will enforce keeping mountain bikers off all other paths. They are a hazard and rarely, if ever, move or acknowledge walkers.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are clear.
6116	I do not support the proposed change	Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's strategic plan prioritising higher-density housing, many residents now live without access to private gardens or yards. This makes local parks vital for responsible pet ownership. Denying dog owners reasonable access forces them to travel further afield, which can be impractical and counterproductive to community goals around local engagement and sustainability. 3. Supporting Mental Health and Well-being Dogs play a crucial role in the mental health and emotional well-being of many residents. Providing responsible dog owners with access to parks supports their mental health and well-being.
6310	I do not support the proposed change	I need to walk our dog
6395	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are excessive, majority of dog owners are responsible and able to exercise their dogs without causing any problems for other park users. Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners.
6673	I support the proposed change	to reduce nuisance and protect wildlife

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6772	I support the proposed change	Sounds reasonable
6778	I do not support the proposed change	Why prohibit dogs entirely when on leash enables dogs and owners to enjoy these areas.
6783	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to run the mountain bike tracks with their owners for fitness and fun
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2245	I do not support the proposed change	This is Maori land not council to decide Secondly families taking their dogs for walks and days out stop hurting everyone
2529	I support the proposed change	Too many dogs are off leash in Hunua. We need someone to come out and regulate this and fine those owners that let their dogs off leash
2850	Other (please explain below)	No dogs at Hunua. No dogs at all.
3352	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very large area; plenty of space for many activities. I dont see any reason for dogs to be prohibited if on leash as theyre controlled and do not pose any problems for others using this space.
3617	I do not support the proposed change	Again this is removing dogs from a large number of tracks. You remove the ability of dogs owners and dogs to enjoy different areas of Auckland together. This conflicts with your goal in 3.6..1: (a) recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public spaces and that dog access is essential for dog welfare. (b) Integrate dog owners and their dogs with other users of public places. (c) Provide opportunities for dog owners to take their dog to public places that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both the dog and owner
5267	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of people's family, it's not just a pet. As long as the dog has control of the dog and is leashed it should be allowed in picnic areas etc. understandably around farm animals yes they need to be controlled and leashed.
6389	I do not support the proposed change	Areas where dogs are allowed need to be increased.
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
619	I don't know	If this means our dog cannot join us on the walk around the dam (such as the cossey-massey loop) then I do not support this change.. Fair enough to prohibit dogs from being IN the water!
838	I do not support the proposed change	It would be good to open up more tracks were dogs can be walked on a leash
839	Other (please explain below)	Does this mean dogs will be allowed in picnic areas provided they are on a leash?
956	I support the proposed change	It's important for the safety of people and wildlife that dogs are kept under control in Regional Parks.
1282	I support the proposed change	Protection of riders and of other species and keeping it green.

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1406	I don't know	The only two dog friendly tracks have sections which pass the dams - will that be included in where they are banned? If so that removes walks that are used by a lot of dog owners who will still keep their dogs on leash and follow the rules currently in place
1574	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few places for us to legally and correctly exercise our dogs. Rather than shoving dogs and dog owners into corners, why not make spaces more accesible to educate the pubilc and owners on dog ownership and correct dog behaviour. Again, a license to take dogs off-lead in areas or parks could be an idea. Owners can get a license (not some silly annual thing, for the life of the dog), to take their dog in spaces such as parks.
1617	I support the proposed change	There is a LOT of native life in these areas, bikes and food don't generally mix and these users need somewhere to enjoy as well. There are still lots of similar areas dogs can be exercised.
1626	I support the proposed change	I dont believe dogs should be in hunua at all. Noone keeps them on the leash and council do not enforce it
1780	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed in all areas
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
2231	I do not support the proposed change	I support clause d of the proposed changes but not the others. Sooo many restrictions! You're punishing good dog owners ☹!!
2260	I do not support the proposed change	Only agree with prohibition during lambing.
2436	I support the proposed change	The ranges are a great resource and its important that everyone can enjoy them and all animals are safe.
3072	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe any of the above is more important that a responsible dog owner exercising their pet. Amend to on-leash in these areas but do not prohibit dogs rom the areas.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	Dog needs areas like this for walking. Why limit it. They are apart of the family
4455	I do not support the proposed change	No change is needed here
4461	I don't know	Not sure what the change is here ? Again just more complexity added.
4619	I do not support the proposed change	We walk our dog on lead near the cossey *****. Agreed dog not allowed in water, but cannot see an issue on lead and on foot path
4909		Why change present policy
5060	I do not support the proposed change	These changes are pointless. Dogs should be allowed here on-lead, if off-lead is not feasible.
6461	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed restrictions show that dogs will be severely restricted from most of the Hunua Ranges. This effectively makes it another place you can't take your dogs to.
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
262	I do not support the proposed change	Bush tracks for dog owners are already very limited in Auckland, there are barely any left in the Waitakere ranges. I absolutely don't support reducing these

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558	I do not support the proposed change	dogs should be allowed to be off leash in certain parts and be allowed in Picnic areas
995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
1057	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs love walking these tracks They should be able to continue to do so
1369	Other (please explain below)	I think that the Hunua ranges should be moving towards being completely dog free. 2. is poorly phrased - either remove "from", or remove in/on from every line.
2602	I do not support the proposed change	I like to be able to walk my dog responsibly in beautiful places.
4076	I do not support the proposed change	You should consider that dogs were walking there before people started riding bikes
4364	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on Lead and under control can not cause a nuisance
4436	I do not support the proposed change	Some of the proposals make sense, such as prohibiting dogs from water catchment areas and mountain bike only trails. There is no obvious reason for further restrictions on other tracks.
4565	Other (please explain below)	I think all regional parks should have dogs prohibited at all times. Keep it simple and clear. The parks are not appropriate places for dogs.
5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
5573	I support the proposed change	Seems to be a fair clarification
6001	I do not support the proposed change	I support having dogs on leash in popular areas and areas of concern for ecological or other animal safety. However, I think the proposals go too far and remove any off leash opportunity. Particularly on quiet bush trails - it's actually easier for dog and human to navigate banks, stairs and paths without a lead.
6563	I do not support the proposed change	Great area for dog walking and for people to take their dogs on bike rides. Dogs should be allowed off leash under control on walkways and bike tracks
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
813	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed everywhere if they are on a leash EXCEPT where there are lambs.
1589	I do not support the proposed change	Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased. Are mountain bike tracks currently prohibited to people walking with or without dogs?
1869	Other (please explain below)	I support all changes except for section C. This is far too limiting. Too many tracks are limited
2178	I do not support the proposed change	Because more people have dogs than they do mountain bikes. There should also be a dog friendly camping area - why can't people who have dogs go camping? We always took our dogs camping with us when we were kids - it just wouldn't have been a holiday if we couldn't take the dogs. Maybe you need to make a dog friendly camping area.

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2537		Far too rural for these rules to be applied
2558	Other (please explain below)	It is not clear why dogs are being prohibited on tracks. If anything, it is safer to have dogs on tracks compared to off-track
3343	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think dogs should be further prohibited, particularly in campgrounds where they would need to stay with their owners.
3563	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the increasingly restrictive dog policies in Auckland. While I understand the need for reasonable regulations to ensure public safety and cleanliness, the current level of prohibitions and limitations on dogs in public spaces is becoming excessive. Globally, there is a movement toward recognizing dogs as part of the family and allowing them in more public areas, including cafes, beaches, and parks, with responsible ownership. Unfortunately, Auckland's restrictive approach seems to be going in the opposite direction, making it increasingly difficult for dog owners to enjoy the city with their pets. These restrictions are not only inconvenient but also contribute to the broader feeling that Auckland is becoming less welcoming for responsible pet owners. In fact, for some—including myself—such regulations are becoming a factor in decisions to leave New Zealand in search of a more dog-friendly environment. I urge the council to reconsider its stance and look toward more balanced policies that reflect the global trend of inclusivity while still maintaining necessary guidelines for safety and hygiene. Auckland has the potential to be a truly dog-friendly city, and I hope to see more progressive changes in this area. Kind regards,
3834	I do not support the proposed change	I'd love to have more trails to explore with my dog.
3850	Other (please explain below)	Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.
3883	I do not support the proposed change	I am heartily SICK of the anti Dog (and Horse) for that matter unfriendly rules. Dogs are family and should be permitted to go where their family go. Sick of the NIMBYs. Humans cause more harm!!
4361	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland. You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.

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4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
5260	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island.
5437	I do not support the proposed change	You are removing the limited walking tracks that are available and this limits dog walkers especially those who don't want to walk in dog only parks or on the street. Do not support this change.
5440	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs can be on leash in all these prohibited areas - exclusion the dams. Fair enough to keep dogs out of water supply's
5491	I do not support the proposed change	Should remain the same, no change.
5587	I support the proposed change	I do not want to be approached by any dogs while camping, walking, or using my mountain bike.
6578	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules effect everyone
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
138	I support the proposed change	I support the change but it would require people to ensure that the people who flout the rules (because their dog is special) have some type of enforced fine etc.
304	Other (please explain below)	In part some of what is proposed has merit but not all of it. It can be spelt out and structured in a much better and fairer way.
735	I do not support the proposed change	Just make it plain and simple like it is now. No other extra clauses to make it confusing
1141	I do not support the proposed change	I haven't found dogs to be an issue here on many of the tracks. Can they not continue waking these on lead?
1363	I do not support the proposed change	Again, more restrictions for d9g owners making it stressful to find somewhere to walk
2723	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner, we love to enjoy a good nature walk with our lovely well behaved dog. Unfortunately ,there are less and less dogs allowed or safe place to walk my dog, not CBD,(not safe for human either), not shopping malls, not regional parks, not lot of reserves, then where can we walk? Auckland is an international inclusive city, and it's famous for it. If we can include all/none genders or LGBTQ human beings from all the world, we should do the same thing to dogs, our closest best friends
2837	I do not support the proposed change	This presumably covers all the tracks? In which case the only are accessible to dogs would be the car park. The farm paddocks are private land It would be easier to clarify the wording to say where dogs are allowed, as it seems mostly everything is off-limits.
3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made
4146	I do not support the proposed change	We need more spaces to walk our dogs off leash, not less.
4172	I do not support the proposed change	To many restrictions already around areas you can take dogs on lead meaning the few areas you can take them become congested.

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4477	I do not support the proposed change	Again signage clearly to show the areas designated on leash under control and areas prohibited and who choose to not complying be prosecuted.
5685	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed leashed on at least some of the non mountain bike tracks. Community spaces for all Community rate payers.
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
2731	I support the proposed change	To give the Kokako the best chance to flourish. To stop stress to sheep and lambs during the lambing season
2740	I support the proposed change	Dogs disturb the bird life.
2933	I support the proposed change	Should not allow dogs in regional parks.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
433	I do not support the proposed change	I think they should be allowed in the tracks under part (c) of the proposal
506	I support the proposed change	THAT
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed everywhere on leash
689	I do not support the proposed change	While it is good to have the rule made clearer, again it is a restriction on dogs, cutting down on opportunities to exercise and socialise them adequately.
713	I support the proposed change	safer on a leash
965	Other (please explain below)	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park
1576	I do not support the proposed change	The places we can take our dogs for off-leash runs become less and less. Dedicated dog parks are not the answer as stress levels in our dogs tend to rise if they're exposed to too many dog encounters at the same time and with it tension and escalation. We avoid dog parks and beaches like the plague. It's not relaxing. It would be nice to be able to take our dogs for beach strolls where they can roam free and enjoy the sunset with their owners. Why punish everyone when most dogs fit into the community so well. It's understandable to limit dog access to protect wild life and flora of course.
1833	I don't know	I'm in two minds about this. We've used these tracks with our dog before and it's really great to have them as an option. Sharing with the mountain bikes can be a bit scary though
1918	I do not support the proposed change	not in our regional parks protect our wildlife NO DOGS

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2095	Other (please explain below)	Please see answer already provided under Section 2 which applies to all areas. It is the owners who allow their dogs to roam out of control that need to be policed/controlled. Activities should not be curtailed for the majority, who manage our animals well.
4044	I do not support the proposed change	I have had issues with individuals with off leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial.
4767	I do not support the proposed change	Don't want to see more restrictions on dog walking access
4827	I do not support the proposed change	Either leave it as is or increase the areas where dogs can be both off leash and on-leash. Stop the continual reduction of areas where the public can walk their dogs / walk with their dogs / exercise their dogs.
5411	I support the proposed change	The problem is that many dog owners at the park leave their dogs without a leash, which doesn't follow the rule.
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates Stop restricting leashed dogs where people want to go and do wholesome physical activity. It's needlessly controlling. Leashed dogs are under control.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand the areas that dog owners can access with their companion
6724	I do not support the proposed change	I would love to know why you are prohibiting dogs from more tracks? Once again I think reducing the spaces dogs can go is the wrong thing to do for both dog and human. And will create more problems
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1474	Other (please explain below)	dogs should be permitted in picnic areas on lead (not long lines, only standard leads) all other proposals supported
1910	I do not support the proposed change	limited dog access is ridiculous.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	To much limitation and forced control over rate payers and tax payers of Auckland keep current policy
2185	Other (please explain below)	It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	I support the proposed change	Safer

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3263	I support the proposed change	There have been too many attacks on birds. Less dogs in critical areas will keep birds safer, and allow for harsher fines if the rules are broken. There are Kokako in the Hunua Ranges. There will need to be more dog control officers at the same time, or the changes will be completely useless.
3284	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in camping areas. People would love to go camping with their dog
3851	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed anywhere near the Hunuas given the significant conservation work being done here.
4584	I do not support the proposed change	There is already enough restriction
4930	I support the proposed change	I will always support changes to keep dogs restricted from family areas - they are a danger to our children
5004	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are public resources that should be accessible to all Aucklanders, including dog owners. The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect those who follow the rules while doing little to address the real issue of non-compliance. Rather than creating more restrictions, Auckland Council should focus on improving compliance with existing regulations through education, signage, and enforcement.
5027	I do not support the proposed change	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.
5358	I support the proposed change	Ban them because I am scared of them
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
52	I support the proposed change	Makes good sense
1186	I do not support the proposed change	I propose and support dogs under control off leash in mountain bike only tracks
2034	I do not support the proposed change	Again, hunua is one of the great hiking spot for people who like to hike with their dogs, this seems quite restrictive...
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2455	I don't know	Most of this makes sense except for the large number of tracks that are proposed for exclusion. As a dog owner it doesn't make sense for me to do double walks. I pay for the upkeep of these trails, I want to use them. A dog on a leash makes no difference at all on these trails.
3549	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be prohibited in picnic areas, exclusive areas around and including the water supply dams and on the Kohukohunui Track plus during lambing season and any other new prohibited areas.

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3827	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few tracks dogs are allowed on, and to prohibit them and make the tracks for mountain bikes is unfair. It seems a reaction to a very few poorly behaved owners/dogs - Perhaps better to legislate the removal and ban of poorly behaved parties than penalise all. I don't support mountain bikers having preferential treatment over dogs and their owners who are also exercising.
4025	Other (please explain below)	Should be Allowed i tracks on Lead,
4281	I do not support the proposed change	Agree with the changes but would like to allow dogs in the picnic areas too on leash under control so families with dogs can also enjoy a picnic
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety!
4888	I support the proposed change	As previously noted + risk to stock
5023	I do not support the proposed change	I like the colours but the rest of the information is too confusing (there is too much of it). People will need to read everything and they won't. It needs to be clear and concise. I would keep the same information the same but highlight 'prohibited' in red and 'under control on a leash' in orange as the new suggestion. I do think mentioning WHEN lamb season is, is a good addition. The other information, e.i. street names is overkill.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	I do not support the proposed change	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
1765	I do not support the proposed change	It will limit the routes that people can take and will impede our ability to enjoy nature with our pets

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1875	I do not support the proposed change	Dear council I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, including responsible dog owners, who are an integral part of our society. Why Dogs in Parks Matter: 1. Health and Well-being: Dogs are not only wonderful companions, but studies have shown that walking with dogs encourages more physical activity, which can help combat the rising rates of sedentary lifestyles and chronic diseases. These outings promote better mental health, lower stress levels, and a deeper connection to nature—benefits that extend to the whole family. 2. Economic Impact: Dogs help generate revenue for our parks. Local businesses benefit from dog owners spending on pet-related products, pet services, and park fees. Tourism also sees a positive impact as people often choose destinations where they can bring their dogs, boosting the local economy and increasing the sense of community. 3. Social Responsibility: Responsible dog ownership is a core part of being a good community member. Many dog owners are highly committed to respecting public spaces—cleaning up after their pets, keeping dogs on leashes when required, and ensuring their pets do not disrupt others. Banning dogs punishes those who are mindful and courteous, while the real challenge lies in enforcing responsible behaviour. Ensure you are fining and implementing consequences for those who
1914	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support the reduction of dog access.
2102	I do not support the proposed change	Once again option should be allowed for dogs on leash. Except where there is wildlife breeding or roaming.
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2584	I do not support the proposed change	This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

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2652	I don't know	Again, without a map - cannot tell how this will work. Infrequent visitors need to have easy access from car parks and logical and clearly marked paths. Agree with lambing season and camp grounds rules. Can you ensure mountain bikers keep off pedestrian areas or make them 'walk only' areas - Cyclists frequently cycle on pedestrian area - and this is SO dangerous to pedestrians and dogs/owners.
3888	I do not support the proposed change	Why do we keep hitting responsible dog owners with onerous regulations when irresponsible ones don't care about rules, and they are the ones doing the damage. How are you going to enforce restrictions in a large and remote area like Hunua Ranges?
4489	I do not support the proposed change	Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. Surely AC have bigger priorities.
4818	I do not support the proposed change	New Zealand doesn't seem to be particularly dog-friendly and appears to lag behind other countries in this regard. Dogs are cherished members of the family, yet the increasing restrictions on accessing regional parks mean that many people are missing out on opportunities to enjoy these spaces with their pets. Dog owners pay registration fees, and homeowners contribute through rates. Shouldn't they be allowed to spend quality time with their furry family members in these public places?
5103	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners
5330	I do not support the proposed change	There are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leash, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
5387	I do not support the proposed change	I think the responsible dog owners are the ones who are being punished with the new restrictions on beaches and regional parks. The people who don't follow the rules, and don't register their dog or even bother to train them will not care about the rules and will not follow them. So why are the responsible owners like myself punished and restricted even further than what we already are. I work from home and have an elderly dog and we prefer to go for our outings during the day as it's quieter for him and I don't have to worry about him hurting his spine. But I guess that doesn't matter, it only matters that the responsible owners are again punished for useless owners. I've paid my dog registration for years, I pay my rates, I pick up my dogs poop. Please don't stop me being able to take him to a nice gentle beach during the middle of the day so we can have a safe walk (and a swim if he's feeling up to it) Please start focusing more on stopping irresponsible people from owning dogs, there will be less problems and less dog poop left everywhere then.
5514	I do not support the proposed change	Restrictive once again, keeping a small minded mentality.

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6544	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few areas that dog owners can complete larger walks in the Auckland area that it would be a shame to lose the access we have to the Hunuas.
6594	I do not support the proposed change	Appropriate dog exercise areas in the vicinity are non existent. By limiting this further it restricts families and their pets from enjoying a lovely outing together. It serves no point as all dogs in this park are either on a leash or under control. Keep it that way so families and dog owners can enjoy a wonderful outing for which their rates are paying.
6940	I support the proposed change	It is an excellent idea to prohibit dogs from mountain bike tracks. Please also consider prohibiting dogs from attending the school mountain biking events which are sometimes held there (although from memory the organisers already do this).
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
5410	I do not support the proposed change	Unduly restrictive to dog owners - dogs need good access to a wide range of environments including walking tracks for their and their owners health and well being.
6428	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in camping areas