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ANIMAL MANAGEMENT BYLAW REVIEW 2021

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111	Apiculture New Zealand	Not supplied
112	New Zealand Beekeeping Inc	Not supplied
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115	Forest & Bird	Not supplied
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133	Lion Apiaries	Not supplied
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137	Shan	Ōrākei
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141		Ōtara-Papatoetoe
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144		Outside Auckland
145		Puketāpapa
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166		Waiheke
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181	Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers	Waitākere Ranges
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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: It appears that there has been an arbitrary selection on the number of beehives, without clearly defining what a beehive is. For example, beekeeping is a dynamic activity and often requires the addition of new hives (e.g. splits) to keep an exisiting hive going. Consequently, to maintain a population from 2 hives may require increasing the number of hives at specific times during the year. the number of bees from a property would be relative to the time of year, not the number of hives as you will be aware. I would suggest up to 4 hives would be a suitable number in residential areas.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be more rules

Tell us why: I am concerned by the large number of bee hives (eg, the 50ish by one person in particular) on small properties

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Tell us why: It seems logical

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: It looks prettier

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

I think cats should be included in the bylaw and be much more closely restricted - but I understand the political considerations that probably make this challenging

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Beekeepers have a community and social responsibility to collect swarms. If your hive swarms you should try and collect the swarm, that would mean having 3 hives on your property temporarily. What is the council's stance on swarm collection. I think no of hives should be increased to 3.

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Tell us why:

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Responsible beekeepers do not cause a nuisance.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: It's ok to have some limit, but it should not be onerous for people to keep a couple of hives.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: No comment to add.

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Tell us why: We have run multiple beehives on our property, they do not disturb the neighbours, but they do help pollinate the surrounding gardens and trees. Beekeepers should hold a license and register theirs hives, but other than that they should be encouraged

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Tell us why: All animal management should be in one bylaw

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Tell us why: make it easy for us laypeople to understand

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Tell us why: No more than 2 hives per household. I work at an inner city Auckland school and every day my car is covered in bee poo. 2 years ago a massive swarm of bees came into our school and flew around outside my classroom for half an hour. We had to put the whole school into lockdown for that time. I had to ring the council who put me in touch with a beekeepers group and someone eventually came and took the queen and the bees. However, for the rest of the week there were still at least a1000 bees flying around the school and classrooms. Do not let bee keepers set up beehives in a 200m radius of schools.

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Tell us why: Two is too low. The limit should be 3 hives or higher, not 2.

The reason for this is the minimum number of hives for a functioning hobby is 2 hives. When something goes wrong with 1 hive, the 2nd is available to rescue the 1st. It is still risky running just 2 hives - but the odds of maintaining an apiary are greatly improved.

So every hobby beekeeper should be keeping at least 2 hives.

However, a natural part of managing hives is swarm control and this is typically achieved by splitting existing hives at the right time of the season. These are called "splits". The splits are then available to be given away or sold to new beekeepers. But this cannot be done until the beekeeper is sure the split is "queen right". Which means the beekeeper must keep the hive for, say, approx 6 weeks. That is, the hobby beekeeper must, at least temporarily, have more than 2 hives.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Instead of changing a bylaw that was extensively consulted on with beekeepers and clubs in 2013/14 council should better get its enforcement teams ensuring that the troublemaking or negligent people who keep bees/animals are dealt with and not punishing others via a bylaw change.

Beekeepers provide a service by caching and relocating swarms whether they have gone off their own, neighbours' or wild hives. This means that at times we have bees that they didn't ask for and would breach a bylaw doing the right thing. Sometimes swarms can be amalgamated with existing hives but sometimes keeping them until a beekeeper in need/want is found takes time. No commercial beekeeper will come and buy one hive so not sure where the swarms should go to?

Additionally, beekeeping is a natural process and and many things can go wrong and hives die more and more often due to stress on bees from illnesses and viruses. Beekeepers generally replenish these losses by splitting existing hives or catching swarms. If you look at the stats, many beekeepers nowadays loose significant amounts of hives over winter. Having only two hives increases the chance that one looses all and cannot create new hives.

Another question is how council wants to ensure they positively deal with beekeepers who own more than a new limit? No commercial beekeeper will come and buy one hive so You may find yourself with heaps of dumped beehives that create a much bigger nuisance for people.

So any restriction in numbers it should be rather a sinking lid not a final date policy.

Furthermore: I would really like to understand how problematic beekeepers are currently dealt with and whether there are a few recurring beekeepers who cause troubles for their neighbours.

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Tell us why: The Auckland Beekeepers Club is centrally located, has been operating for more than 70 years, and has more than 500 members, making it (by far) the largest and longest-operating club in Auckland. The club wishes to make the following submission.

1. Your proposal to require approval to keep more than 2 hives on an urban section of 2000m2 or less will have the opposite of the intended effect of better bee management. A good beekeeper should have a minimum of two hives, so that they can best manage the colonies to ensure their continued good health. This means that they can merge the hives if one is not strong or split the hive if it is needed. Also, one of the ways to manage swarming is to remove the old queen to a nuc box (small hive) with about half the bees. That way, she will think she has swarmed and then will not leave and cause a nuisance in the community. This means that there needs to be the ability for the number of hives to go up and down as good apiary management dictates. It should be careful beekeeping that is the objective, not a specified number of hives that will likely have perverse outcomes - i.e., let the old queen swarm rather than need to get an approval for another hive.

2. Currently the club provides a community service by collecting and housing swarms which occur naturally in Spring & early-Summer. If such a collection would put a beekeeper over their limit then it is likely that it will not be collected, and the swarm will instead find a new home behind the weatherboards or bricks of a house, causing much greater nuisance.

3. Currently in the bylaws it is a legal requirement to register beehives under the biosecurity acts. This is now done through HiveHub with the AFB PMP. There is a levy for each apiary which supports the work to eradicate AFB from the country. A second levy to the Council ($260 annually to keep more than 2 hives) is likely to lead to evasion and non-payment, and thereby defeat the objectives of both of the Council & AFB PMP, to the detriment of beekeeping for both disease control and public nuisance.

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Tell us why: Without data about the extent of the problems caused by irresponsible beekeepers it is hard to have an informed opinion. I may be mistaken but it seems Council have not been open about the problem that the the proposed bylaw is supposed to fix. I have been keeping bees in Devonport (currently 5 hives, in an area under 2000m2 area) for 10 years. The hives are visible to the public and for that reason I get a lot of feedback, which except for two cases had been very positive (thanks for doing this, its great you are caring for the bees etc). What worries me about the proposed bylaw are the two exceptions to this positive feedback. Bylaws can be used for harassment (we had anonymous complaints about bees, chickens, cooking smells, building regulations, commercial food preparation etc) - all in a period of a few weeks. This led to many council inspections which eventually stopped after the neighbour built a high wall to deflect the cooking smells (the actual problem we think). The other negative feedback started with a series of posts on local social media about 'yellow rain' - i.e. yellow marks on cars parked in the street blamed on bees. This situation sounds comical but was threatening, given the comments made (bee keeping is OK, but only in a rural setting etc). It was difficult to know how to respond when the letter writer didn't know the difference between bees and wasps and was unaware that bees are attracted to flowers near where the cars are parked.

In general I think this bylaw may cause more trouble than the trouble it is designed to fix. I would suggest that if there is indeed no other way of dealing with the rare irresponsible beekeeper then change the proposed bylaw to allow and encourage normal beekeeping - i.e. a limit of 6 hives on an average sized sections.

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Tell us why: This is a technical council matter -

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

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Tell us why: The Bylaw is good as it stands with some understanding regarding bee management and the necessity for bees to exist, however there has never been a greater need now for recruitment of beekeepers. Bees cannot live in the wild any longer, the hive will just not survive. The Varroa mite, Diseased Wing Virus and AFB, to name just a few, will destroy the beehive and the Beekeeper is their only means of survival as they keep these diseases under control.

Beekeepers are concerned citizens that care for the environment. The dollar cost is very high to start and maintain this hobby so basically there are no irresponsible people that stay indefinitely – we are all avid keepers and love our hardworking bees.

What is really driving this change? Is it another income stream for the Council? Beekeeping is already a very expensive hobby and you are intending to increase the cost to Beekeepers whilst creating another revenue stream and employment for the Council!

I am sure that I do not need to go into the beneficial properties of honey and that the locality of the honey provides local allergy benefit.

Most hobbyist (urban) beekeepers seem to only manage 3 hives as they are a lot of work, but during the summer, to control swarming they will need to keep extending the hive and giving the bees enough room to gather honey and breed. This means that they will keep adding boxes on top of the brood boxes.

Swarming can be a nuisance to neighbours and it certainly is to Beekeepers and we try to prevent this if possible as it means they will lose the Queen and half of the bees from the main hive. It then takes a long time to build this main hive back up – get another Queen (2 weeks), wait for her to mate and start laying eggs 2-4 weeks, and then the young bees take 3 weeks to hatch - so we are keen to prevent this happening. The best way to do this is by adding boxes and extending the size of the hive before the Queen decides to expand somewhere else.

Another way to prevent swarming may be to split the hive. This means that the number of hives on the property will increase by one, but this hive is now very small (just a nucleus (NUC) box with 5 frames in) and often it is given/sold to a new beekeeper, or used to replace and build up an existing hive. So sometimes there may be more than the usual hives on the property on a temporary basis.

You can lose 2+ hives to disease very easily and have no hive to make a split from and restart a new hive. If you do not have another hive you will have to purchase again- a Queen and small number of bees to start off again. So you could be back down to 1 hive.

Another peril that has increased in the last couple of years are the German Wasps. These will take out a hive in a couple of weeks, getting in, killing the Queen and bees and raiding the nest for the honey. We have people in our Club that have lost many if not all their hives over a summer period and this is including some Commercial Beekeepers. The Council could do well to put money into the eradication of WASPS – they are truly the villains.

- Bees do no harm.
- Wasps do no good. Put work into this.
- Also how about a limit on the number of cats per household and see our birds increase.

Leave well alone and put effort into other matters.

1. On allowing more or fewer beehives without approval than the proposed two

• Absolute minimum permanent hives per property to be sustainable (not viable) would be 3 permanent but may extend temporarily (reasons explained).

• Absolute minimum boxes per single hive is 2xbrood boxes and 2xhoney supers. (but this can get even bigger, reasons explained)

• 3 hives are not sustainable in dollar terms so lets not put up costs, we are trying to encourage this activity.

2. On limits for different sized urban premises than the proposed 2000m2.

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Tell us why: Transparency

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Bee's are a very important part of our ecosystem and are under threat. To further reduce the ability to raise bees, is to also impact our environment. 2 Beehives should be allowed no matter what size the property.

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Re-designation of an area for urban or future urban impacts an existing rural bee keeper

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: We need bees, don't make it harder for those who want to keep to keep them. Decreasing the number allowed just reduces the number of bees, it does not increase the number of people who want them.

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Tell us why: I think the process of applying for a permit is too onerous. There are already laws about registering your hives. I have seen plenty of hives in backyards where the neighbours have no idea they are there. There are already ways of dealing with nuisance hives, and they would be in the minority.

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Tell us why: Clearer understanding is always better!

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Organisation (if applicable): Federated Farmers

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Tell us why: Bees can only thrive when their are no nearby hives. Naturally beehives will eradicate other hives when the numbers get up around them. This should generally manage the amount of bees located within Auckland

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Tell us why: Naturally the community would look into The Animal Management Bylaw rather than property maintenance or Nuisance bylaws to look up regulations around Feeding.

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Organisation (if applicable): Franklin Beekeeping Club

Your local board: Franklin

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: The present rules enable Council to deal with any particular problems caused by beekeepers not following good management practices in urban areas. In practice beekeepers would be unlikely to site more than 2 hives on a residential section of say 600m2 or under. However a section of 1000m2 or more, even in an urban setting would generally provide a lot more options and with proper management would be unlikely to cause problems for neighbours or the public. Imp-osition of a licensing system would introduce another cost to hobbyist beekeepers.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: The bylaw contains good accurate advice about beekeeping practices

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Beehive management in urban areas can be precarious because of modern day problems such as varroa infestation and pesticide overuse. The presence of bees is widely recognised as being beneficial to the natural environment in cities as well as rural areas.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: I think it is simpler to let people speak when there is a problem. I imagine this will simply restrict people keeping bees where it hasn't been a problem. This could be managed like the dog control program - people can complain anonymously if there is a problem, and at that point an Auckland Council worker can investigate.

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Tell us why: There is already a by-law that deals with this issue if hives are creating a nuisance. Just enforce the existing bylaw. Bees are essential to a functioning eco-systems. Bee-keepers already need to comply with numerous regulations and controls. Beeks face many pest and disease challenges. Adding more regulation will be another disincentive to keeping bees. Please no more 'rules'

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: I don't agree with the section size and number of hives suggested in the proposal (2 hives per 2000sqm)

another compromise needs to be found eg if you live on a 1/4 acre section then you ample room for 5 hives without being an nuisance to neighbours, and if you live in a town house surrounded by town houses on 300sqm sections then you shouldn't have beehives at all.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I do not agree

Tell us why: if i want to feed a duck on my section then that is my right, if someone doesn't want the ducks on their land then they can chase them away

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be more rules

Tell us why: We desperately need healthy beez by upping controls you stifle

business progress. leave people alone to get on with a job. You are only interfering by creating new rules and regulations.

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Tell us why: Bees are critical for the environment, new zealand always was going alone with nature

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Tell us why: I don't see bees as problem animals.

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Tell us why: Can they be in both?

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Tell us why: Hives should always be appropriate placed regardless of the size of the section. I would class that as good beekeeping. Yes a large section would be good but if joining properties are not crowded with building as a lot of areas are now becoming this should also be taken into account. Understanding neighbours are also important, which those around me appear to be.

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Tell us why: Allowing less beehives. Because more beehives can bee better for us, but may not be good for the bees.

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Tell us why: Same reason as last time.

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You could make a rule which could be no poisonings bees.

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Tell us why: It has always seemed to me that the existing rules for bees are extremely well written, and I now understand it was supported by extensive research at the time.

The existing bylaw allows the keeping of bees and at the same time protects the rights of neighbours. It requires that people keeping bees manage the bees in terms of water supply, flight paths and generally to avoid a nuisance to others.

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Tell us why: 1. Apiaries are already required to be registered nationally for which beekeepers already pay a fee. I do not see the need for the burden of additional registration and additional fees.

2. Limiting the number of hives to a low number shows a lack of understanding on the management of apiaries.

2.1 To reduce the risk of swarming a bee keeper would routinely increase or decrease the number of hives and the size of hives according to the season. Constraining the number or size of hives is a simplistic but incorrect metric to use.

2.2 Beekeepers who raise new queen bees routinely spilt and re-unite hives as part of the management process. Again constraining the number or size of hives is the wrong metric to use.

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Tell us why: No comment.

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I note that restrictions on cats are not proposed to change but cats are a much bigger nuisance in my neighborhood than bee keeping and I would strongly support a limit on the number of domestic cats allowed per property, no feral cats allowed, domestic c

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be more rules

Tell us why: Because I'm sick of my neighbors bees poo all over my car and house. By the time I've cleaned my windows the bees have shat on them before I've finished.

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Tell us why: The current rules are fine and work. This council already takes enough money from people and under deliver. Nobody should have to give any more money to "keep" a wild animal that could leave someones back yard in an instant.

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Tell us why: that actually makes sense to have it under a animal by law. But you still don't need to change it. Just have a link to the law in both categories so it's easily found and accessible.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: You just need to add a summary of definitions/Glossary. It doesn't need to be changed or fully re-written.

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Bees are a wild animal nobody should have to pay anything to keep bees and there should be no hive restrictions. Bees can just get up and leave any time they like. So if you make someone register bees and pay a fee, when they do swarm and leave someones

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Tell us why: Beekeeping is already regulated and this adds further overhead to a hobby. I'm OK with a limit on the number of hives on a non-rural property, but disagree that approval should be required.

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Tell us why: Firstly, I'm happy to support the limit of two beehives per property.

However, the current definition of a beehive is misleading, which states that a beehive is one Langstroth dimension box. This is incorrect as the number and size of boxes can vary between hives depending on the time of the year.

In Spring and Summer, it is common to have two boxes for brood and one to two boxes for the honey super per hive to accommodate for the larger number of bees and nectar flow. Swarming typically occurs during this time and with a large enough hive, swarming can be prevented. However, with the current proposal of one box per hive, bees will not have enough room to expand and result in regular swarming and cause major disruptions to the community.

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I would greatly appreciate it if this could be factored in the proposal and allow up to three standard size, full depth Langstroth box (2x brood and 1x honey super). Otherwise, two standard size, full depth Langstroth box and two ¾ depth Langstroth box (2x brood and 2x honey super) per hive, with a limit of two hives per property. This would provide enough flexibility for beekeepers to expand, when required, to prevent swarming while limiting the overall number of hives in the urban area to reduce bee pollution.

Thank you

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Tell us why: I have extensive and ongoing experience of bee poo all over my house windows , cars etc for some time now. I live in Red Beach - just normal suburban living, not expecting this type of nuisance factor. Get rid of bee hives in suburbia I say!

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Tell us why: Let people do what they like withheir bees but they should consult close neighbours

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Tell us why: Simpler

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Tell us why: "Nuisance" should include cats, or they should be regarded as a menace to birds.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Whilst I think it is a good idea to regulate how many hives you have on smaller urban premises, to restrict the number of hives on a property of 2000sqm is very large to only have 2 hives. Also, what constitutes a hive? You could have 2 or 3 nucs, which only have a maximum combined number of 10,000 bees - or have a singular hive with 8 'Supers' (large honey boxes) which could have a total number of bees over 100,000! So having a set number of 'hives' isn't a great way of regulating the number of bees.

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Tell us why: As a small hobbyist bee keeper the restriction of two hives is not practical.

Bees can do the most unexpected things when we least expect and you could lose a queen or a complete hive through no fault of the beekeeper.

Two hives is far to restrictive 3-5 hives for a hobbyist should be the minimum number of hives kept at any one time on a property.

The cost to own beehives and compliance with AFB regs etc is expensive any more regulations and controls by council will deter beehive owners.

Look into the cost of being a small hobbyist beekeeper and then you will realise that more costs and restriction will deter future beekeepers. All the great work that has been undertaken by councils in the past will be undone.

It is an expensive hobby which is not entered into my many lightly because of the cost, care and laws that govern owning hives, which are already in place.

Living with nature in an urban environment is an important healthy option for everyone. There is no point in having community gardens, private gardens, schools and community groups being penalised.

Growing and learning about where our food comes from and helping people grow plants in a community environment is more important than ever today.

if there are no bees to pollinate the plants we will have created another problem.

I have just completed a course run by the govt to encourage people to enter the beekeeping industry. These changes will only do the reverse.

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Tell us why: The interpretation is different and should be for a public place in relation to bees.

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Bees are needed in our community and gardens for the welfare of everyone. There are strict guide lines already with registering your bees, (The Management Agency, National American Foulbrood Pest Management) a rigorous AFB process. Council should work mor

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Tell us why: Beekeepers are well regulated under current law to ensure good beekeeping practices are maintained. As a hobbyist beekeeper it is good practice to keep at least two hives. This is so that if one hive is failing other hives can be resourced to strengthen each other. E.g. swapping frames of brood if a queen lost. It is not unusual to have a call out to collect a swarm and if this happens then the beekeeper could end up with more than two hives once the swarm is collected. For some this would be a temporary situation until they find a new home for the collected swarm once it has passed a period of quarantine. For this reason I believe the maximum number of hives should be increased to THREE.

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I think hobby bee keepers need supporting not limiting, the council should pay them for looking after all the gardens and trees the bees do, it's hard work.

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It is also commonly understood in the bee keeping world that a size of a property makes no difference, the bees leave the location then visit the trees and gardens in the area, you could have a balcony hive.

As for flight path, all I did was put up a tall garden shade screen, it lifts the bees high then they disperse.

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Tell us why: Does not need redifining

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Please support bee keepers, they need it, it's hard work, painful, expensive, ralready well regulated, council already have powers to close down a problem bee keeper, they are problems to us too, they don't register, they don't look after hives, they are

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Tell us why: 1. Bees are essential for our life and health. They pollinate stuff, so we can eat.

2. This city fortunately has many successful bee keepers, and for no good reason you

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3. For example: your meagre dimensions for a legal city hive is as good as an outright ban, because no such hive is viable.

4. A healthy hive has to have enough box layers to accommodate all its essential activities.

5. Bee-poo on someone's washing is no reason to ban all hives - bee-poo is only when bees are sick.

6. In our urban environment, bees enable hundreds of kg's of fruit and veges to be given away to charities like the City Mission every year, and in these tough times even small urban gardens can feed families.

7. Please follow the Thames-Coromandel DC rules for beehives and section sizes:

Thames-Coromandel District Council - Animal Nuisance bylaw (tcdc.govt.nz)

8. Auckland Council: I think you have not the slightest idea of the havoc you will wreak.

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Tell us why: From my wide observation, those people who choose to keep and care for bees do so on properties which are suitable to support their activities. There ought to be no discouragement of this noble and increasingly critically important activity, by those who chose to practice it.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I do not agree

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Tell us why: It's not reasonable to comment on this without sighting the documentation which will be impacted.

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Spring is also the time when hives swarm. Essentially half the hive departs, leaving the remaining hive to grow, and the swarming bees make another hive. When this happens, and 2 hives becomes 3, is the beekeeper at fault.

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Tell us why: But I also wonder about the 600 m2 rule. There are more and more houses being built on smaller areas so I think this square metre measure could be smaller - like 500 or even 400 m2. I totally agree that approval should be needed if you are living in an apartment and wanting a beehive. I agree with the other limits - 2 beehives are sufficient for a residential property.

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Tell us why: Beekeepers should be able to keep up to 10 beehives - neighbors written approval if more. In spring bees multiply by swarming. These swarms would ordinarily die if not recued by local bee keepers. Swarm hives are generally unproductive in the first year and a recued by the beekeeper for ecological reasons. If the limit was set at 2 per beekeeper they wouldn't be able to rescue the bees that would otherwise die. The swarm would eventually find nesting spaces in cavities of houses and create a nuisance. In late autumn and winter, up to 40% of hives die through disease or pest related stress. Losing two beehives from a single site is common and would mean that many beekeepers would lose all their stock of breeding queen bees.

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Tell us why: I agree as there should be a welfare aspect of any animals that are being managed by people.

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Tell us why: I like to keep my car clean and I have spent many hours rubbing bee poo off my car's paintwork. That is unfair on citizens and clearly unreasonable.

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Tell us why: Responsible hive management should be promoted through the offering of hive management courses.

The vast majority of people who keep bees like their bees and respect their neighbours/community and wish to do no harm to either.

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Management of cats needs to be addressed, particularly around native reserves.

Our property backs on to Rangatira reserve in Beach Haven and I have seen a number of cats, both domesticated and feral roaming the bush.

There is evidence that cats can be

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Tell us why: We are beekeepers in on an urban property of 675m2. Bee keepers are recommended to keep a minimum of two hives at any one time to help with assessing the health of each hive. We feel that 3 hives per section of this size is a comfortable number and more than adequate, plus you must make allowances for two Nuc's also, as you need to be encouraging more breeding for more hives across Aauckland.

We have two hives that do not cause any impact on neighbours but this is mostly about correct placement of the hive entrances rather than the numbers. My key suggestion would be making your rules focus more on placement and flight path, not quantity. There are some small sections that would easily handle more hives, and others that would handle none. The location needs to receive good morning sun and not have a flight path that will go directly into pedestrians on foot path, it needs to have consideration given to where people's washing lines are and where they park there cars, and potentially where they access their front doors.

I think you need to be making beekeeping easier not harder for the few people that do it.

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If the public is being adversely affected by cat nuisance factors, then why are you not seeking feedback on the lack of changes in the bylaw?

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Tell us why: we need more hives to have more bees to pollinate the flowers, fruits, vegetables. Need more biodiversity

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Tell us why: Bee keeping should be encouraged. Council could provide courses as they do for composting. Beehives have to be registered with the NZ Beekeepers. https://afb.org.nz/new-to-beekeeping-apiary-registration-form/

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Tell us why: What is this? Which animals, what food? I searched documents, no success.

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Tell us why: Makes sense

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Tell us why: Allowing more or less beehives without an approval than the proposed two

There are probably a lot of variables you need to consider when deciding whether to go ahead with this new limit. For example:

-There may be more than one beekeeper living on the same property and each beekeeper may wish to have their own hives.

-The property may back onto an empty reserve or lot which the bees mostly frequent.

-The property may be in a non-built-up suburb where the keeping of bees wouldn't be as in close proximity to neighbours.

-During spring the hives will swarm, a good beekeeper will do a "forced split", creating two hives from one. This will stop the bees swarming somewhere like the neighbour's tree for example.

-At this time of year, you would double and sometimes triple the hives you have making it impossible to keep to the 2 hive maximum.

-I think you need to consider the area the hives are in. Someone that lives in the bush end or farm, in a large lot zone, should have a different limit or no limit compared to someone living in more built-up areas in terraced house and apartment zones.

You need to consider how many beekeepers live on the property.

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Rules:

I'd recommend needing a permit for anyone living in built-up areas such as terraced/ apartments zones with the property under 600sqm

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-urban beehives should not be on small sections with no flight paths available for bees.

-Takes hours to clean off windows and outer home as excrement so thick due to volume of bees. Swarming dangerous for people and pets fills backyard and culdesac and fly indoors if windows are open.

-Unsolicited beekeepers then roam streets and properties to gather swarming bees.

- If urban bees are allowed council should be responible for suitable location and proximity allowed to neighbours, cleaning of houses affected should be paid for by council or owners of the bees as this is a BIG and CONSTANT job.

-Swarms should be controlled and owners should have proper knowledge of bee keeping.

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Tell us why: To the Bylaw panel reviewing feedback submissions,

To start, I would like to focus on your problem statement.

"Beekeeping is growing in popularity in Auckland and sometimes bees can cause a nuisance to other people. The restrictions seek to find a balance between enabling urban beekeeping and minimising the nuisance caused by bees both now and in the future. The proposed restrictions will still allow Aucklanders to keep up to two standard beehives without needing an approval (license)."

Source - https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/animal-management-bylaw/widgets/340424/faqs#question78645

The proposal you have put forward to restrict the number of beehives on a section smaller than 2000 square meters will not fix the underlying cause of bees being a "nuisance to other people". The other issue here is that most housing in Auckland is smaller than the proposed size; therefore, you are punishing all beekeepers irrespective of whether they follow good beekeeping practices because of the few who are not.

I have read the existing Bylaw and believe that it already contains the needed rigour to hold beekeepers accountable for non-compliance. The Bylaw is well written and covers all the core control elements you would teach a new beekeeper, including many best practice guidelines.

1. Flightpath management

2. Bee management

3. Provision of water

4. Bee excrement management

The core purpose and penalties for breaching the Bylaw are unambiguous, as shown in its introduction.

"Introduction

The purpose of these controls is to provide for the keeping of bees, the keeping of stock in urban areas, and horse riding in public places, in a way that –

(a) protects the public from nuisance;

(b) maintains and promotes public health and safety;

(c) minimises the potential for offensive behaviour in public places, and

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The controls are intended to promote responsible animal ownership and set minimum standards of best practice related to public health, safety and nuisance.

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In my opinion, the council needs to start making use of and enforcing the current Bylaw to hold non-complying beekeepers accountable. I would recommend that skilled beekeepers be employed or contracted to investigate any complaints and provide recommendations to both the beekeeper and the council. If the issue is not resolved and non-compliance continues, further enforcement action can be taken as stipulated in the Bylaw.

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I am a large scale hobbyist beekeeper and have been keeping bees for several years. I have apiaries throughout the urban Auckland area, most of which have 3 to 4 hives yearly. I have up to 20 hives sited on two of my apiaries during the honey flow. Those two property sizes are approximately 650 square meters, with no housing in front or behind them. Neighbours on either side of these apiaries support my beekeeping, and I also have sighted hives on their properties. All my apiaries would fall under the proposal, and it would not be financially sustainable to have to seek a licence for each of my apiaries. I have never had any complaints from my neighbours, and nor have they caused a nuisance. I have been responsible for ensuring that best practice is being followed, showing that keeping more than two hives on a small apiary is possible if sited and managed correctly.

Throughout the early season, hive numbers can increase quite quickly and decrease with the movement of bees. Swarms will need to be caught and managed, and hives split. The new proposal does not allow for these natural bee lifecycle occurrences to happen without the risk of non-compliance.

Another issue, I also believe that you will force more "non-compliance" with the Biosecurity Act 1993 where beekeepers will not register their hives due to the imposed licencing cost. Currently, honey prices are at an all-time low, and many beekeepers struggle to make ends meet. Testing compliance costs, apiary registration costs and general management costs are already high and adding another "hive registration" cost will put unwarranted, excessive pressure on a beekeeper.

To conclude with my key points, the proposed Bylaw change,

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2. It is punishing all beekeepers for the sake of a few poor practised beekeepers.
3. The Bylaw is well written and covers all the core control elements.
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5. The council is not effective in investigating or enforcing its current Bylaw, which is clear, concise and empowered, and this proposal does not address this.
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8. Additional fees to keep bees will cause non-compliance and increase American Foul Brood control risk.
9. There is no allocation for the increase and decrease of hives as per a natural colony lifecycle
10. It will disadvantage many small business operators (directly affecting my business model).
11. Additional fees and bureaucracy could force many beekeepers to stop beekeeping

I strongly advocate that No-Limits are included in the Bylaw.

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Yours sincerely,

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Tell us why: Should urban beekeeping not be encouraged, rather than discouraged? Due to varroa management, and countering the myriad of unforeseen issues that may arise, two hives per apiary is the minimum recommended for a successful season. As the saying goes "two is one, and one is none". Beekeeping often requires quick adaption to the changing needs of a hive, such as dividing a hive into two smaller colonies in order to prevent swarming (for example). If I have two hives and need to split one, I now have three... but this would require approval first, and I don't expect the bees to wait patiently. The number of hives a beekeeper keeps is often dictated by the space they have available, and the amount of food available to the bees. In this way it is self-regulating. Simply increasing the number of hives I have won't increase the number of bees housed within if there isn't enough food to support their colonies' development. Poor-performing hives either die out or are consolidated; combining many into one. Again, self-regulating. I would think for most people, two hives already are the maximum they can host in their gardens. For others with more space available, the simple fact they have the space will equate to less nuisance to neighbours and the public (was this even an issue? I'm not so sure). Regulating the number of hives per property seems entirely unnecessary, only acting to discourage hobbyist beekeeping. Common sense and neighbourly communication are all that is required.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: Too many hives will lead to bees cannot get enough food

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Tell us why: All law needs to be easy to follow and understand

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Tell us why: Over the last couple of years the total number of bees in the area has increase so much the damage to vehicles in their flight path has increase at an astronomical proportion. There needs to be more control on the total number of hives in the suburb.

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Tell us why: If people can have as many beehives as they like in any regular sized urban garden, this can quickly turn into a nuisance. I do hope that regulators will carefully look at licenses they grant, and consider neighbours who also have licenses when they make their deliberations. Large developments with many closely knit gardens should be considered as a whole.

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If there are limits to the number of hives you can have in an urban area, and this is under the nuisance by laws, I was not aware of it.

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Tell us why: I believe the current beekeeping rules are sufficient. The law has powers to ensure bees are not a "nuisance ".

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Tell us why: less than 500 sq no hives

500-1000 1 hive

2 hives up to 1000 sq meters

1000 - 2000 2 allowed and can apply for a license to increase and define a max limit

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Tell us why: I see the logic

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: The rules proposed for the reduction of bee hives in an urban area to two and to have to seek approval to place them on urban premises less than 600m2 would destroy the urban bee keeping industry.

I have kept bees on my property in Mt Roskill for 10 years and have at times had up to six hives without any issues. Whoever has proposed this rule obviously has no knowledge of bee keeping. Bee hives have to be split every year or they will swarm so each season you start off with one hive and it becomes two and two become four. What do you expect beekeepers to do with the hives when they exceed the two allowed. Swarming bees are far more dangerous to neighbours than the hives themselves and unless you stand right in front of the hive entrance its unlikely that "neighbours" would be affected.

Hives can be orientated and flight paths managed to avoid neighbours - I do this regularly and have never received any complaints.

As a registered bee keeper I already pay fees to MPI and have my hives regularly inspected. It is not fair that I should have to pay yet another fee to council just for the privilege of keeping bees in my own property

Bees are essential to our existence, the proposed rule doesn't fit with council's clean green image or climate change policy. and I am strongly opposed to any restrictions on the keeping of bees, their numbers or paying another fee.

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Tell us why: not any significant change

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Tell us why: makes it easier to understand

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Tell us why: I think you should absolutely require a license to have more than 2 hives on less than 2000sqm

There should also be property checks done to make sure people comply. Our neighbor has so many hives and it has caused us huge problems over the years. The bee poo the swarming and the lack of care for the bees. The council have not been helpful at all due to the existing bylaw

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Tell us why: Because currently it's ambiguous

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: I dont agree with the proposed land size / hive ratio. (2000sqm 2 hives).

Maximum number or hives allowed, (if any) should be at LEAST 5 hives.

Section size needs to be smaller as well maybe 800sqm+?

Beehive also need to be defined, summer hive has approx 50000 bees - winter hive has approx 5000 tops. Queen breeding hives have approx 5000 bees. Nuc box has fewer again. 1 summer hive = 20 nuc boxes.

Some areas of auckland subdivisions etc with smaller sections and more houses should have less hives. Areas with 1/4 acre / bigger sections can accommodate more hives.

A "bracketed" system (if any) would be fairer 2 hives per 200sqm or similar.

My preference would be to leave as it. No limit as long as the bees aren't being a nuisance to immediate neighbours.

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Tell us why: How are you going to police people feeding pigeons/ ducks?

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Tell us why: Clarity is paramount

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Tell us why: Please don't make any restrictions for beekeepers. There have been no rules so far, and Auckland doesn't need them now. Making new restrictions will only make more unnecessary work for Auckland Council. As with other councils, most beekeepers just ignore rules anyway, with zero detrimental effects for the council.

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Tell us why: Making easy is good

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Tell us why: Miakebit consistant

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I do not agree

Tell us why: Dear Auckland Council

Once again Auckland dog and cat owners/lovers have to justify their companion animals being able to live in Auckland.

I've been sent an email from you regarding feedback for yet another revision to the Animal Management Bylaw ... t

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: From previous experience I find Auckland Council very much against companion animals in Auckland and I don't have great expectations of revised policies and bylaws being in favour of companion animals.

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Tell us why: I think that bees are very important for the eco system and pollinating vegetables and fruit plants which can be particularly hard in urban areas. Therefore if there are restrictions it should be for smaller plots of land

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Tell us why:

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: A limit of 2 hives per urban section sounds reasonable.

Requiring approval on any urban property that is less than 600m2 sounds reasonable.

Glad to hear rural area's would not be affected.

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Tell us why: Can't say without reading the changes intended.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: Hive numbers on a property

I agree with the proposal that an approval should be required to keep more than a specific number of beehives on an urban property. This proposal is appropriate with regards to the management of effects on neighbouring property owners and occupiers. It is also appropriate with regards to the health of the bee population in the neighbourhood, taking into account the seasonal availability of food. However, it is important to consider the sustainability of each apiary when assessing this proposal. For a number of reasons, a significant number of beehives die or are abandoned through swarming every year. Through no fault of the beekeeper, there is a significant risk that any single hive will not survive the winter (refer to the data from MPI presented in Table 1 below). It should be noted that MPI also indicated in 2015 that commercial beekeepers lost fewer hives than non-commercial beekeepers. Although I have not been through all of the MPI data, it seems reasonable to assume that this balance applies every year. Therefore, it is critical for any beekeeper to maintain at least two hives throughout the year to safeguard their operation against the risk of failure. This issue is reflected in the in current wording of Proposal 1 permitting up to two hives to be kept on properties of less than 2,000 m2.

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need for:

1. Maintaining two hives on a property year-round, and

2. Keeping up to four hives on a property during the period while new queens are raised.

The current proposal does not appear to permit the keeping of more than one hive through the year as the splitting of this hive will result in two hives being on the property during the queen rearing period. This proposal therefore endangers the natural replenishment of queen and hive stocks within the Auckland urban area. It should be noted that the loss of a queen from a property holding only a single hive means the complete loss of the hive or the purchase of a queen from another beekeeper or a commercially raised queen. If beekeepers inside Auckland are limited in the number of hives they keep, the only remaining option is a commercial source. Issues that arise here are: 1. The purchaser has no control over the genetics of the queen and the behaviour of her offspring, with the possibility that this queen may raise more aggressive offspring. 2. The potential for introducing disease to the area. 3. The significant financial costs involved.

Standard Beehive Size

The size of the standard beehive as described in Section 6 of the proposed amended Animal Management Bylaw is defined as:

Standard Beehive means a hive that has inner assembled dimensions up to and no greater than:

(i) length: 465mm

(ii) width: 365mm; and

(iii) depth: 238mm.

These dimensions do not reflect the size of a normal beehive. They are the internal dimensions of a single full size brood box, or a super, belonging to the type of hive referred to as a Langstroth hive. Langstroth hives, the most commonly used in New Zealand, are made up of a vertical stack of wooden boxes called supers. Supers come in three standard depths: deep, medium, and shallow. These supers are sometimes referred to as full-depth, ¾ depth, and half depth. The super internal dimensions are provided below.

• Full depth 465 x 365 x 238 mm

• ¾ depth 485 x 405 x 185 mm

• Half depth 485 x 405 x 133 mm

A Langstroth hive consists of several supers stacked on top of each other. The lowest super tends to be a full depth box and higher supers tend to consist of ¾ or half depth boxes, although full depth boxes may also be used. The lowest super tends to be the brood box for the hive, with the upper supers containing additional brood and stores of honey and pollen. A functioning beehive cannot consist of one full depth super alone although a single super with a viable colony core is often sold as a starter for a new beehive.

A healthy Langstroth hive in late summer of a good honey producing year could easily consist of one full depth brood box and five to six ¾ depth supers. This increase in hive size is necessary to accommodate the natural increase in bee numbers during the peak nectar supply season of late spring and early summer. The additional super boxes provide enough space for the bees to gather nectar and pollen to support the increasing population. This increase in space is also necessary to avoid swarming as a result of the queen running out of space to lay eggs and leaving the hive to find a new home. In late summer a beekeeper will normally reduce the size of the hive to a brood box plus perhaps two additional supers to help the colony control its internal temperature through the winter. At the same time the queen will have reduced laying and the older bees will be dying off. Consequently, the bee count in the hive decreases naturally. These additional supers contain the food stores required to enable the hive to survive the winter. A natural beekeeper will ensure their bees have sufficient capped honey stores in these supers to support the hive through the winter, without the need to provide supplementary sugar feed. Once established, a fully functional “standard beehive” will never consist of only a single brood box as proposed in the current version of the bylaw. It should also be noted that bee hives do not necessarily have to follow the Langstroth design, although components of the internal dimensions tend to be similar due to the use of standardised frames within the beehive. For example, a Long-Bench Hive design recently introduced to Auckland has all of the honey and brood frames inserted in a single level hive, which is approximately three times as wide as a Langstroth hive. This design is popular among hobby beekeepers as it reduces the risk of back injuries arising from lifting heavy supers full of honey. There is also no reason why other designs cannot be developed or used by beekeepers within the Auckland urban area. Many different designs have been used historically throughout the world.

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Recommendations

My recommendations with regards to amended rules for the proposed bylaw are as follows:

Section 6

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Section 8

An approval is required to keep bees in some circumstances

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square metres in size.

I submit: The word “standard” should be removed and not replaced.

I submit: Up to two beehives may be kept on a property less than 2,000 square metres in size except through the queen rearing period from September to December inclusive, during which time up to four beehives may be kept on a property.

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This queen rearing process means that during spring even hobby beekeepers may necessarily be operating with up to four hives, two old hives and two new hives. This practice greatly reduces the risk of early spring swarming. Once the new queen has been successfully raised, two fully functional hives are either taken off the property or can be merged back with the old hives, reducing the total number of hives on the property to two. When merging the hives, the old queen is removed. This widely used practice helps to ensure the sustainability of the beekeeping operation and provides healthy replacement hives for beekeepers who have lost their hives over the winter.

The above description of a healthy, widely used beekeeping operation demonstrates the reasonable need for:

1. Maintaining two hives on a property year-round, and
2. Keeping up to four hives on a property during the period while new queens are raised.

The current proposal does not appear to permit the keeping of more than one hive through the year as the splitting of this hive will result in two hives being on the property during the queen rearing period. This proposal therefore endangers the natural replenishment of queen and hive stocks within the Auckland urban area.

It should be noted that the loss of a queen from a property holding only a single hive means the complete loss of the hive or the purchase of a queen from another beekeeper or a commercially raised queen. If beekeepers inside Auckland are limited in the number of hives they keep, the only remaining option is a commercial source. Issues that arise here are:

1. The purchaser has no control over the genetics of the queen and the behaviour of her offspring, with the possibility that this queen may raise more aggressive offspring.
2. The potential for introducing disease to the area.
3. The significant financial costs involved.

Standard Beehive Size

The size of the standard beehive as described in Section 6 of the proposed amended Animal Management Bylaw is defined as:

> **Standard Beehive** means a hive that has inner assembled dimensions up to and no greater than:
>
> (i) length: 465mm
>
> (ii) width: 365mm; and
>
> (iii) depth: 238mm.

These dimensions do not reflect the size of a normal beehive. They are the internal dimensions of a single full size brood box, or a super, belonging to the type of hive referred to as a Langstroth hive.

Langstroth hives, the most commonly used in New Zealand, are made up of a vertical stack of wooden boxes called supers. Supers come in three standard depths: deep, medium, and shallow. These supers are sometimes referred to as full-depth, ¾ depth, and half depth. The super internal dimensions are provided below.

- Full depth 465 x 365 x 238 mm
- ¾ depth 485 x 405 x 185 mm
- Half depth 485 x 405 x 133 mm

A Langstroth hive consists of several supers stacked on top of each other. The lowest super tends to be a full depth box and higher supers tend to consist of ¾ or half depth boxes, although full depth boxes may also be used. The lowest super tends to be the brood box for the hive, with the upper supers containing additional brood and stores of honey and pollen. A functioning beehive cannot consist of

one full depth super alone although a single super with a viable colony core is often sold as a starter for a new beehive.

A healthy Langstroth hive in late summer of a good honey producing year could easily consist of one full depth brood box and five to six ¾ depth supers. This increase in hive size is necessary to accommodate the natural increase in bee numbers during the peak nectar supply season of late spring and early summer. The additional super boxes provide enough space for the bees to gather nectar and pollen to support the increasing population. This increase in space is also necessary to avoid swarming as a result of the queen running out of space to lay eggs and leaving the hive to find a new home.

In late summer a beekeeper will normally reduce the size of the hive to a brood box plus perhaps two additional supers to help the colony control its internal temperature through the winter. At the same time the queen will have reduced laying and the older bees will be dying off. Consequently, the bee count in the hive decreases naturally. These additional supers contain the food stores required to enable the hive to survive the winter. A natural beekeeper will ensure their bees have sufficient capped honey stores in these supers to support the hive through the winter, without the need to provide supplementary sugar feed. Once established, a fully functional "standard beehive" will never consist of only a single brood box as proposed in the current version of the bylaw.

It should also be noted that bee hives do not necessarily have to follow the Langstroth design, although components of the internal dimensions tend to be similar due to the use of standardised frames within the beehive. For example, a Long-Bench Hive design recently introduced to Auckland has all of the honey and brood frames inserted in a single level hive, which is approximately three times as wide as a Langstroth hive. This design is popular among hobby beekeepers as it reduces the risk of back injuries arising from lifting heavy supers full of honey.

There is also no reason why other designs cannot be developed or used by beekeepers within the Auckland urban area. Many different designs have been used historically throughout the world.

In summary, the definition of the "standard beehive" as presented in the proposed bylaw does not represent a viable hive.

Recommendations

My recommendations with regards to amended rules for the proposed bylaw are as follows:

Section 6

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I submit: This description of a "standard beehive" should be removed and not replaced. The bylaw should simply refer to the word "beehive" which is also defined under Section 6.

Section 8

An approval is required to keep bees in some circumstances

(1) A person on premises in an urban area may keep two standard beehives in premises less than 2000 square metres in size.

I submit: The word “standard” should be removed and not replaced.

I submit: Up to two beehives may be kept on a property less than 2,000 square metres in size except through the queen rearing period from September to December inclusive, during which time up to four beehives may be kept on a property.

I submit: The wording of Section 8 (1) should be changed to:

An approval is required to keep bees in some circumstances

(1) A person may keep up to two beehives on premises less than 2000 square metres in size in an urban area during the period from January to August and up to four beehives on these premises through the queen rearing period from September to December.

Yours Sincerely,

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

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We are proposing changes to the Animal Management Bylaw 2015 and associated controls to help improve the rules about animal ownership and interaction and make these rules easier to read and understand.

The main proposals are to:

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- update the definitions, structure, format and wording of the Bylaw and controls to make them easier to read and understand.
- Require approval to keep more than two standard beehives on urban premises with a land area less than 2000 square metres (no approval currently required). Note: Council has heard a range of views about limits on beehives in urban areas and is seeking feedback:
    1. on allowing more or fewer beehives without approval than the proposed two
    2. on limits for different sized urban premises than the proposed 2000 square metres

What we want your feedback on

We want you to tell us what you think about the proposed changes to the Animal Management Bylaw 2015 and associated controls.

Your input will help us improve how we minimise animal-related risks to public health and safety, nuisance, offensive behaviour and misuse of council-controlled public places.

The above is a summary of what Council want to manage, I do not believe Council actually fully understand the issues and causation of the perceived issues and the solutions. IE wasps cause more issues and nuisance than bees, and a huge health risk. Flooding causes more risk to life and the community.

One basic and dangerous move in the proposed regulation is to re-define a beehive:

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And I quote:

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If the above definition is not adopted, all the issues Council wish to make better will be made worse. It's as simple as that. See attached photo of open feeding by NON BEEKEEPERS this needs to be in the bylaw and BANDED outright as this causes so many issues being a vector for the spread of so many bee related issues.



Over wintering a Long coffin box hive with one Langstroth on top to allow for reduced swarming in spring and for biosecurity reason to contain AFB, as all hives in the Howick area are so close to AFB. AFB must be a focus of the BYLAW. This method is also excellent in eliminating swarms all season as it is so easy to expand and control the

queen space, slowing the rate of growth, ie reducing the peak population or spikes in the population, flattens the growth curve. Also allows for better use by people with a saw back.



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Other issues, not founded by council.

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How can council get people to engage with nature and as the opening heading states with bees if bees are not allowed?

I am happy to take council staff thru the hives as needed, as I already run bees in school program and many neighbours love the free honey and the engage and excitement they see on the kid's faces.



Mr B's Honey

Matthew Brajkovich is a local Bee man located in Cockle Bay. This term he came to Riverina to talk to the students about the importance of Bees. After a walk around the school, **Matthew** also arranged for a large donation of trees from a company called "Trees that Count". These trees will help to create a native forest for our students to continue to enjoy in years to come. **Matthew** collected and delivered the trees from up north, and he has been instrumental in the planning and planting of the trees. We very much appreciate all the work and ongoing support that **Matthew** has given to us here at for Riverina.

Trees that Count - Every year this organisation count New Zealand native trees which are planted by community groups, government agencies, schools and individuals.
https://www.treesthatcount.co.nz



Extra boxes are added during the honey season to reduce swarming and allow the bees to store the nectar for drying, as the drying process takes so long. These extra boxes to NOT allow for extra brood but all the nurse bees to become foragers and collect nectar for bee food and honey for us to harvest. If these boxes are not added soon enough issue with swarming will become a real issue.



This hive has never swarmed if I add boxes and run it like this, there are no more bees in this than the smaller hive, but this allows honey to be dried by the bees, which is then used to engage community in environmental work saving Council money and hard work.



Coffin Hive assembly, this allows much easier manipulation for me to reduce swarming even more, I can take brood away, kill any swarm cells and then place the frame back in the main area. (see the partition).





Swarm of bees removed from the road by myself, and another keeper stopped to help, to reduce road hazard, he ended up taking the bees. This will get worse with the proposed new rules.

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Friendly Bees, box change over day. No complaints from these neighbours. Urban fruit trees get pollinated for free. These fruit trees if not pollinated will reduce the amount of food sent to the food banks and City Mission in Auckland.

NON BEEKEEPERS trying to SO CALLED help BEES by mass feeding causing the diseases to spread,

DISEASES

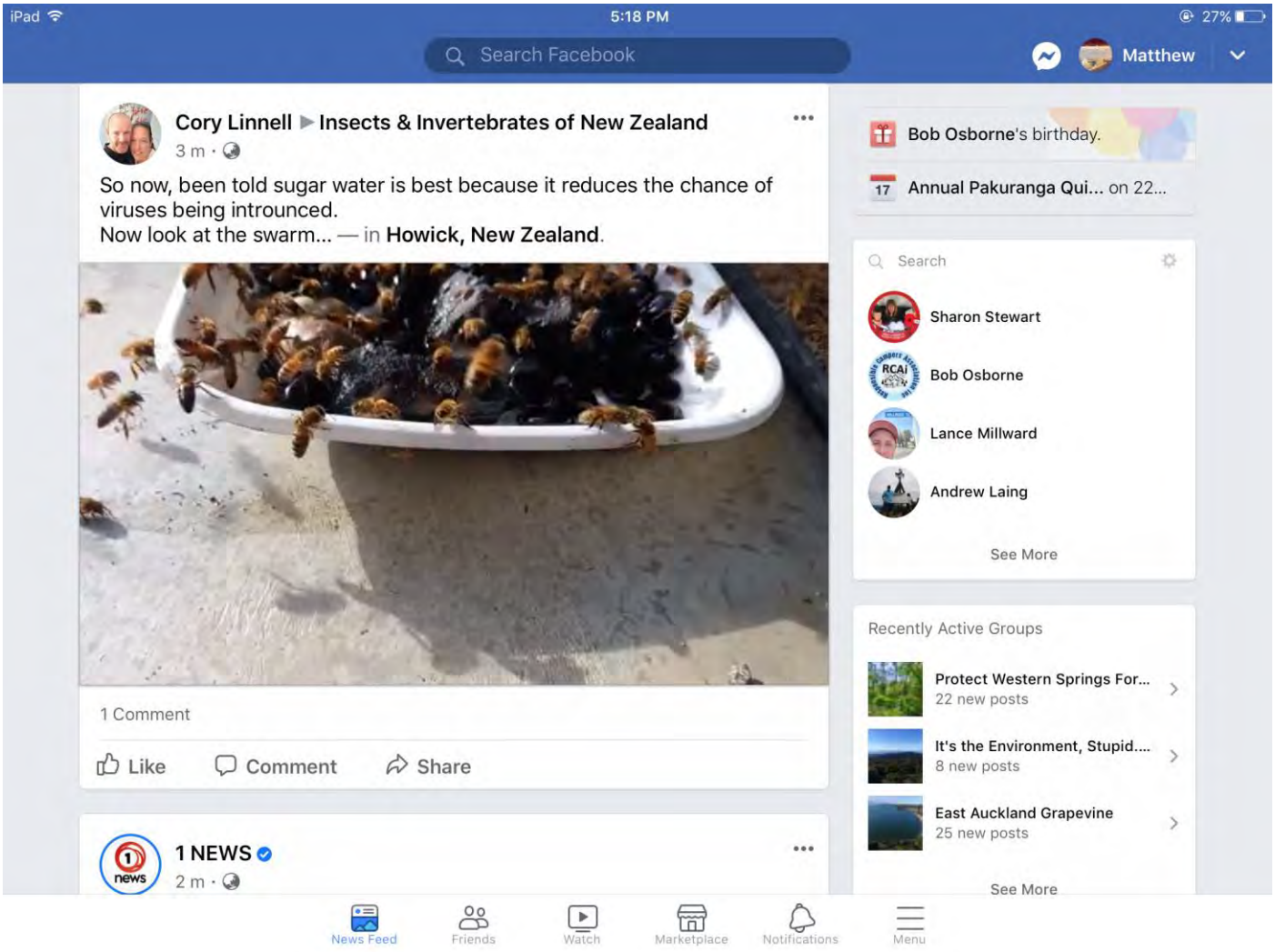
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INTESTINAL ISSUE

EXCESSIVE BEE POO

This is against The Management Agency rules.

<u>This open feeding needs to stop and is not the FAULT of any beekeeper.</u>







I stress once again that Council needs to examine its goals, and the specific outcomes they wish to achieve, before making these unnatural moves to restrict bees in built-up areas by responsible beekeepers.

Section size is only one piece of the issue: management is the other; and the health of both our community and the bees needs to come first in each of these matters and education of the community re open feeding.

The ignorant, ill-thought-out changes instigated by this bylaw will not provide a pathway to health and wellbeing for the community or its environment. I have personally invested an enormous number of hours over many years into supporting the community, funded by myself and with no help from Council. On this vital matter. It would be good to establish a sound, fully-informed and collaborative approach, linking up with pest-free initiatives and having at its root the common goal of a healthy life.

Therefore, remove the proposed restrictions, follow /Coromandel's lead, and trust our communities to achieve this on their own initiatives, as they wish to do thru education and goals.

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What is your opinion on this proposal?

Tell us why: My position on this is as a beekeeper, but also as a beekeeper with 18 years' experience beekeeping in urban Auckland. I teach beekeeping for the Auckland Beekeepers Club, Otago Polytech, Northtec, contract to the AFB PMP. (American Foulbrood Pest management program under the biosecurity act) contract for the Exotics surveillance in beehives and been involved in Bee Pathogen research. I was involved in the current by-laws written around 2014. While some changes have been seen in both beekeeping growth, and operation management NZ can be proud that we have some of the healthiest honeybees in the world.

The proposal below: -

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Currently in the bylaws you will read it is a legal requirement to register beehives under the biosecurity acts. This is now done through HiveHub still with the AFB PMP.

1. My first concern is your proposal to require approval to keep more than 2 hives on an urban section of 2000m2 or less. If you make beekeepers register their beehives with the council NZ could face people hiding their beehives and non-registered if they are paying for 2 registrations, this could be a disaster for AFB management.

2. Your proposal to require approval to keep more than 2 hives on an urban section of 2000m2 or less will have the opposite of the intended effect of better bee management. A good beekeeper should have a minimum of two hives, so that they can best manage the colonies to ensure their continued good health. This means that they can merge the hives if one is not strong or split the hive if it is needed. Also, one of the ways to manage swarming is to remove the old queen to a nuc box (small hive) with about half the bees. That way, she will think she has swarmed and then will not leave and cause a nuisance in the community. This means that there needs to be the ability for the number of hives to go up and down as good apiary management dictates. It should be careful beekeeping that is the objective, not a specified number of hives that will likely have perverse outcomes - i.e., let the old queen swarm rather than need to get an approval for another hive.

3. I strongly advocate that you keep the current no limit system. Beekeeping is already highly regulated, you risk losing urban bees which would be an environmental disaster. It could lead to a massive explosion in the wasp population which urban beekeepers currently work to control. Wasps are inarguably a much bigger nuisance than bees, without the pollination value that bees offer. Responsible beehive management is key to minimizing the occurrence of bee swarms and nuisance from excrement. A first step should be to establish that the problem is honeybees and not wasps, as the public can often confuse the two.

4. Your 'Problem Definition' as described does not cite any issues from urban beekeeping. That suggests that in terms of beekeeping, the existing bylaw is working well and does not need to be changed. They is already the Management Agency which could be utilized.

5. Nuisance factors already dictate hive management. This should be the key criteria. One hive, poorly sited can easily cause a nuisance, but 4 well-sited urban hives will be no problem at all. Currently- Establish what management practice is not being applied and negotiate with the beekeeper to change their management practice to comply with the

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I would like to be informed when you will be analyzing all feedback received and providing a summary to the public for view, and when all feedback will be considered by a Bylaw Panel at a public meeting in October 2021.

I note: - Any person is welcome to attend and listen to the Bylaw Panel and Governing Body proceedings, but there will not be an opportunity to have your say at either meeting. I am surprised by this statement as ratepayers we must be able to have our say.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Overall, ApiNZ does not agree with the proposal and think that there should be less rules. The main reasons we disagree with the proposal are given below.

Bylaw definitions

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Submission to Auckland Council Animal Management Bylaw Review 2021

Introduction

Apiculture New Zealand (ApiNZ) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to Auckland Council on the Animal Management Bylaw Review.

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Conclusion and Recommendation.

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TO THE CONSULTATION: Auckland Council
Animal Management Bylaw Review

NZ Beekeeping Inc submits the following with respect to current consultation for Animal Management Bylaw Review relevant to Bees.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Introduction

The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc (Forest & Bird) is New Zealand's longest running independent conservation organisation. Its constitutional purpose is to take all reasonable steps within its power for the preservation and protection of the indigenous flora and fauna and the natural features of New Zealand.

Forest & Bird has for many years had a strong interest and involvement in the greater Auckland area and has a long-standing interest in improving biodiversity and protecting and enhancing landscapes in the region. We have 47 branches throughout the country, seven of which, are in the Auckland region. All branches are involved in a wide range of conservation and advocacy activities.

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Inclusion of cat controls in the Animal Management Bylaw

[1] https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/auckland-top-stories/116766117/famed-titirangi-chickens-removed-after-infesting-west-auckland-village-with-rats
[2] New Zealand National Cat Management Strategy Report 2020.

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5. We acknowledge that Auckland Council's concerns about wildlife protection are addressed through Biosecurity Act 1993, specifically Auckland Council's Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan and not a Bylaw. However, that Plan specifically regulates feral cats and is silent on strays and nuisance cats. The fact that Auckland Council has determined that registration and microchipping of cats should require central government legislation similar to the Dog Control Act 1996 is simply unacceptable. We do not disagree that a Cat Management Act is long overdue but it will take examples of leadership from councils such as the Auckland Council to demonstrate to central government that regulation is not only necessary, it is supported by the public. Whanganui District and Palmerston North City councils passed their bylaws with compulsory microchipping, desexing and a three cat limit recently and there was little to no negative public reaction. Now it is Auckland Council's turn to lead.

6. Forest & Bird are pleased to see that Auckland Council has non-regulatory advice relating to responsible cat ownership in Auckland[3] which is aligned to Forest & Bird's views around de-sexing and microchipping. However, considerable leadership has been demonstrated in many district and city councils around the country in recent years to address the stray and nuisance cat issues in a regulatory manner. We urge Auckland Council, to be part of this leadership approach for Aucklanders and Auckland's natural environment.

7. Cats are predators. Domestic cats pose a significant risk to native and endemic birds, lizards, and insects throughout New Zealand. The detrimental direct effect of cats on populations of native species has been widely recognised and documented[4,5] and include devastating examples such as a recent case where a single domestic cat decimated the breeding attempts of native banded dotterels breeding on a beach in Wellington harbour, for the second season in a row.[6]

8. Domestic cats are also carriers of zoonotic diseases. This includes toxoplasmosis said to now be present in a high percentage of New Zealanders[7] and a contributing factor in the death of a number of native species[8,9,10]. Recent research from Australia has shown that the costs associated with diseases transmitted by cats cost the Australian economy more than A$6 billion annually through their impact on human health and the agricultural sector[11].

9. Domestic cats do not respect property boundaries. They are the cause of many cases of nuisance such as defecating in peoples' gardens as well as having the potential to kill the beloved pets (birds, guinea pigs etc) of those who have no control over the unwanted movements of others' free-ranging cats. Furthermore, cats (particularly un-neutered toms) pose a significant threat to other cats and can cause innocent families large vet bills after a fight.

10. When poorly managed, irresponsible owners of domestic cats contribute to the growth of stray and feral cats, which have even more devastating impacts.[12]

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[3] https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dogs-animals/keeping-other-animals/keeping-cats/Documents/guidelines-cat-ownership-welfare.pdf
[4] https://zslpublications.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1017/S095283690200328X
[5] https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0006320709004133
[6] https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/117263362/lone-tabby-on-its-way-to-wiping-out-second-generation-of-dotterels
[7] http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/10056562/Cats-will-damage-your-mind-Morgan
[8] https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/diseases/toxoplasmosis-and-hectors-and-maui-dolphin/
[9]https://www.researchgate.net/publication/261836844_Four_Cases_of_Fatal_Toxoplasmosis_in_Three_Species_of_Endemic_New_Zealand_Birds
[10] https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00480169.2016.1230526
[11] https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/2018770798/cats-costing-billions-each-year-by-spreading-diseases
[12] https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests/feral-cats/

11. Forest & Bird acknowledges the position cats hold as a valued companion animal to loving owners. As a loved animal, these owners also need to take responsibility for their cat's behaviour. Limiting the number of cats on a property and ensuring all cats are de-sexed and microchipped is the bare minimum of this responsibility.

Forest & Bird proposes a limit of three cats per household

12. New Zealanders show a high level (>65%) of support for limits to be placed on the number of cats owned per household[13]. We note that in the pre-engagement undertaken by Council, a number of residents specifically noted the need for tougher limits on pet numbers. In Whanganui last year, as part of its Animal Bylaw review, Council staff undertook an online survey of residents. When asked to consider the most appropriate number of cats per premises, 48% of respondents considered two cats or fewer were the most appropriate while 34% considered that four cats was the most appropriate number[14].

13. Forest & Bird requests a limit on the number of cats per household across Auckland to three. Over 50% of councils that regulate cat numbers have set the limit to three (Table 1.). Whanganui District Council amended its draft Bylaw from a limit of four to three cats per household. Similarly, during its Animal Bylaw review last year, New Plymouth District Council reduced its cat limit from five to three, in line with the direction other councils are taking around New Zealand and in response to the service requests and complaints received relating to nuisance from cats.

Table 1. Authorities that currently limit cat numbers in their bylaws.

Cat limits per household	Council	
Three cats	Buller District Council[15]	Palmerston North City Council[20]
	Carterton District Council[16]	Rangitīkei District Council[21]
	Invercargill City Council[17]	South Wairarapa District Council[22]
	Masterton District Council[18]	Tararua District Council[23]
	New Plymouth District Council[19]	Whanganui District Council[24]

[13] Walker, J.K., Bruce, S.J., Dale, A.R. 2017. A Survey of Public Opinion on Cat (Felis catus) Predation and the Future Direction of Cat Management in New Zealand. Animals (Basel). 7(7): 49. Accessed: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5532564/

[14] https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/consultations/keeping-of-animals-poultry-and-bees-bylaw/keeping-of-animals-poultry-and-bees-bylaw-2020-statement-of-proposal-and-bylaw.pdf

[15] https://bullerdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Keeping-of-Cats.pdf

[16] https://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Part%206%20Keeping%20of%20Animals%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw_Current_0.pdf

[17] https://icc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Keeping-of-Animals-Poultry-and-Bees-Bylaw-2013.pdf

[18] See Footnote 17.

[19] https://www.newplymouthnz.com/-/media/NPDC/Documents/Council/Council%20Documents/Bylaws/Animals%20Bylaw%202020.ashx?la=en&hash=A677A7CBBBA6FDC4E908A526DFC6A5DE7C136DFC

[20] https://www.pncc.govt.nz/media/3130963/animals-and-bees-bylaw-2018.pdf

[21] https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/forms/Animal-Control-Bylaw-2019.pdf

[22] See Footnote 17.

[23] https://www.tararuadc.govt.nz/Publications/Policies-Bylaws

[24] https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/bylaws/keeping-of-animals-poultry-and-bees-bylaw-2020.pdf

Four cats	Hastings District Council[25] Marlborough District Council[26]	Manawatū District Council[27] Ruapehu District Council[28]
Five cats	Far North District Council[29] Southland District Council[30]	South Waikato District Council[31]

Forest & Bird proposes that microchipping and registering is compulsory

14. Forest & Bird believes that microchipping and registering cats should be required of all cat owners. Requiring individuals to microchip and register their cats allows for a clear delineation between stray, feral and free-roaming owned cats. Identification of cats is paramount to ensuring that effective strategies for control of un-owned cats, that Council may wish to undertake, can progress.

15. In this context, catching microchipped cats allows an opportunity to educate that cat owner who may have previously been oblivious to the negative impact their cat was having in the local community. Furthermore, compulsory microchipping would bring Auckland Council in line with recent bylaws enacted by Whanganui, Palmerston North, Wellington City[32] and more recently, Selwyn District Council[33].

16. Microchipping is a well-supported management tool for cats in New Zealand, with almost 80% of the general public in favour of a national requirement for mandatory microchipping (in addition to restriction of cat numbers and mandatory desexing)[34]. The Ministry for Primary Industry's Code of Welfare: Companion Cats 2018's Recommended Best Practice is that cats should be identified with a microchip[35]. Given microchipping is compulsory for dog owners, few cat owners will be put off by the imposition of the cost of microchipping to ensure the protection of their companion animal.

Forest & Bird proposes the compulsory requirement to de-sex cats

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[25] https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Bylaws/Hastings-District-Council-Consolidated-Bylaw/hastings-district-council-consolidated-bylaws-october-2016.pdf

[26] https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Your%20Council/AnimalsBylaw2017.pdf

[27] https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Documents/Bylaws

[28] https://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/Policies%20and%20Bylaws/Bylaws/The%20Ruapehu%20Bylaw/The%20Ruapehu%20Bylaw%202018.pdf

[29] https://www.fndc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/objectivedocuments/governance-and-executive-management-gem/bylaws/keeping-animals-poultry-and-bees/keeping-of-animals-poultry-and-bees-2007.pdf

[30] https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/assets/bylawspolicies/Keeping-of-Animals-Poultry-and-Bees-Bylaw-come-into-effect-12-October-2020.pdf

[31] https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:24rtvarkd17q9s3wxfnn/hierarchy/our-council/strategies-plans-policies-bylaws/bylaws/documents/Keeping%20of%20Animals%2C%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw%202017.pdf

[32] https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/wellington-consolidated-bylaw-2008/part-2_-animals#four4

[33] https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/news-And-events/news/new-rules-agreed-for-keeping-animals-in-selwyn-towns

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[35] https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1413-Companion-Cats-Animal-Welfare-Code-of-Welfare

17. Forest & Bird suggests Auckland Council would be lagging behind other councils if it did not include the requirement to de-sex cats in this bylaw review. Tararua, Palmerston North and Whanganui District Councils all included de-sexing in their recent Keeping of Animals Bylaw reviews.

18. The reproductive potential of a single female cat is estimated at 300 kittens in her reproductive lifetime. The potential for a male cat is far beyond that. MPI's Code of Welfare states puberty can occur from four months of age. Responsible cat ownership includes having cats desexed at or before puberty. Forest & Bird would support the provision of targeted funding towards voluntary de-sexing and the establishment of an education programme teaching responsible cat ownership.

19. If council officers have any further questions about the contents of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nāku noa iti, nā,



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Improving the rules about animal ownership and interaction

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: The proposed rules as outlined above seem about right

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: The proposed move seem appropriate

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: Seems logical and appropriate

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Please do not impose any restrictions on beehives. They are not necessary, and compliance will be virtually zero, and found in all other Councils that have restrictions. It serves absolutely no purpose to restrict hive numbers, locations on properties, distance from dwellings etc, EXCEPT where a significant complaint is made, and we all know they are very rare.

Hamilton has about 3-6 complaints about bees each year, and ALL are resolved with a discussion between the complainant and the beekeeper. Education is all that is usually needed, and maybe a jar of honey to sweeten the deal.

Most towns and cities have no rules at all, except where a nuisance occurs, and these are managed on a case by case basis.

Auckland Council has had no rules, with no issues, so why impose restrictions when it has not been required in the past, and there is insufficient justification for them.

If Auckland Council does impose restrictions for keeping bees, they will be ignored, unless significant resources are created to hunt down every hives for compliance. It would be better for Auckland Council to undertake Council business, and leave beekeeping to beekeepers.

The only remedy should a nuisance complaint be found to exist is to erect a 1.8 meter high fence between the hives and the neighbour.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: N/A

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why:

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why:

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What is your opinion on this proposal?

Tell us why:

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Organisation (if applicable):

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be more rules

Tell us why: Who is going to manage this? Anyone but an experienced apiarist will not understand a bees behavior. Every hive is different and behaves differently across different seasons so a one set of rules will not work.

What is a standard bee hive? The number of boxes changes throughout the year particularly in urban areas where bees thrive the best. Are 2 8 box hives okay in early summer? They cost of a license seems unnecessary and prohibitive in a hobby where already you can not make money. It is poor management which causes a nuisance rather than hive numbers. Help strengthen laws and penalties around poor bee management rather than creating a pointless and unmanageable license for everyone

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Tell us why:

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See my first comment. Restricting hive numbers will not solve anything. Penalizing people on smaller sections by making them pay for a license that will not fix anything other than put people off beekeeping is just wrong. We should be encouraging bees, pa

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Tell us why:

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That Urban Residents are not allowed to complain about Rural life if they are not aware of farm live. Just because an animal is resting in a field doesn't mean they are being ill treated. Seen so much of wasted council time traveling for nothing

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: Leave it as it is, council should stick to core services and stop finding ever increasing reasons to monitor us & charge more rates Bees are essential pollinators, Council has no business interfering.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I do not agree

Tell us why: Our rates are already ridiculous, any new thing Council comes up with means more staff, more rates, stick to core services, rate payers are sick of the over reach of nana state

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I do not agree

Tell us why:

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Stop finding ever increasing reasons to charge more rates and take away peoples rights!

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Tell us why: Bees are an absolute necessity to pollinate the plants, so for our survival.

A limit could be helpful if there would be too many bees but that's far from the case.

Limiting the number of beehives reduces the number of bees, so make a threat to our life!!!!!

Stop playing with mother earth!

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Tell us why: As above too many rules and regulations as a person I can make sensible decisions and don't need a Council to tell me what to do with beehives....

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Tell us why: as above

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Tell us why: 1, Not all hives are the same design or size so simply relying on a number might itself be difficult to adjudicate.

2, bees range widely and their behaviour is not related to simple distance from the hive so I wonder if section-size is a useful determinant of safety for neighbours. eg should elevation be taken into account or related to the flight-path of the bees thus a hive on a 9th floor balcony in a block of flats might be quite safe.

3, because of the threats which bees are under and the essential services they provide to crops, these regulations should endeavour to encourage beekeeping not merely to control it as a nuisance.

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Tell us why: consistency and ease of access by amateurs is important in local government

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Your local board: Rodney

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Tell us why:

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At Omaha Beach we urgently need to control predation by cats at the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary where endangered NZ dotterels and variable oyster catchers nest and other protected species roost. These cats must be kept indoors at night. The FAQ "Cats can k

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Tell us why: The existing rules work very well and should not be changed

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Tell us why: The existing laws cover this well

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in our democracy at a local level with my submission on your proposed Animal Management Bylaw Review.

I think that all right-minded people, including beekeepers, don’t want to be negatively affected b

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Tell us why: The rules give a balance between allowing people to keep animals and animal welfare

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Tell us why: People need to be informed of there obligations clearly and easily when keeping animals including cats and dogs too

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Tell us why: no amendment necessary. bees will only thrive when plants available. Bee keepers will only keep hives that are viable - thus it is self regulating

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Tell us why: There are national laws with respect to keeping bees, also levies and fees. Adding an additional animal management license fee on top of the other levies and fees would make it prohibitively expensive. I see duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy.

All sites "apiary's" where bees are kept by NZ law must be registered. You should request access to the database kept by APINZ (https://apinz.org.nz), there is no need to duplicate that work. I see duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy.

This change needs to align better with NZ Law and Apiculture at a national level. I see duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy.

Keeping 2 hives is too low, the beekeeper needs to allow for winter losses etc. So an upper limit of 4/6 would be more reasonable.

Define hive, is that any "box" that has bees in it, or is it a "box" of the NZ standard full hive size ? Keeping 2-4 hives with a few (say 2) small nucleus colonys would be best practice for a small hobby beekeeper.

Please don't make any restrictions for beekeepers. There have been no rules so far, and Auckland doesn't need them now. Making new restrictions will only make more unnecessary work for Auckland Council and is a duplication of activities that take place at a national level.

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Tell us why: Bees need to be "fed" for good husbandry. So that they don't starve they can require sugar-syrup or pollen substitute. Good practice is to provide this inside the hive, open feeding is very bad practice (unless you are a large commercial bee keeper in a r

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Tell us why: What nuisance do bees cause.

I am aware that people complain about "bee poo". Are they against birds in the urban environment as well ? I keep bee's and I see far more bird poo on my vehicles than bee poo, it's easily washed off. Might get the odd spot

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Tell us why: Given the threat to bees, I support this as an initiative - but a rule is only relevant if the resource to enforce it.

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Tell us why: Consolidating laws and topics by type is efficient and logical.

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Tell us why: Language is currently ambiguous and in some cases out or date.

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Tell us why: Bees don't require much space, we should be encouraging people to grow their own food including honey. 600m3 is plenty of space shouldn't require site inspection. 1 hive for every 500m3 of space is fair.

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Tell us why: Have it in both, made it easy for people to comply.

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Tell us why: Clearer is better.

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Dog barking is a big issue in urban areas and owners seem to think it's their right for dogs to bark and harass people from private property.

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Tell us why: Up to two beehives should be registered (not approved) on any size urban properties - keep it simple and have a pre-learning requirement to ensure safe and considerate practices.

Between 2-5 beehives should have a minimum land area taking into account location, neighbours & animal safety etc.

Animal management licences should only apply to commercial practices or more than five beehives.

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Tell us why: What are these rules? Can’t comment on unknowns

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Tell us why: But If a person or business wants to have more than two hives on a residential property all effected parties including neighbours should be consulted - Bee pooh effects surrounding area effecting outdoor furniture, drying of clothes on washing lines, windows, etc -

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Tell us why: Bees are important pollinators and we need them

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The Bylaw rules about cats must be changed; and as public servants, people at Auckland council are obligated to listen to community feedback. The specific exemption in the laws about containing domestic animals, that allow cats to roam freely, must be add

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Tell us why: How many 2000sqm properties are there in Auckland? I doubt there are any! It is ludicrous to apply usual Auckland Council One-Size-Fits-All policy making to bee hives. Each hive, bee keeper, situation is so different to each other. Some areas have fruit trees (something I know Auckland Council hate) and appreciate the contribution made by bees and beekeepers. The current nuisance rules well cover where bees are a problem. I suspect there are a lot more people happy to have bees in their neighbourhood than not!

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Tell us why: It wouldn't surprise me if this extends to not being able to feed pets - therefore not being able to keep pets. It might not be the plan now. But you can bet, in future, some whack job will get hold of it and demand no Aucklander can have a pet!

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Tell us why: "Aligning" is just a weasel word to implement total bans in the future. The current nuisance bylaw works just fine.

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How many bee keepers are there in the Auckland region? How many complaints do you get? Do nothing about the German wasp invasion but restrict bee keeping? Madness!

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Tell us why: Of all the animals that people keep and cause nuisance to neighbours bees have to rate as one of the lowest nuisance levels. Why are you looking at tightening rules on bees? Is there a person at Auckland Council with a personal grudge against the professionals who maintain bees on private land?

Why did you use a wasp nest to promote this question? This smacks of attempting to influence the outcome of the questionaire.

Auckland Council hasn't stopped the chicken lady in Titirangi from keeping an extensive flock of chickens and non-native pigeons on public land in and around the village despite the risk to Kauri Dieback, the cruelty to the animals involved in not providing proper housing and veterinary care... but is looking to limit bee hives..?!!!

Unlike chickens, pigeons, chained dogs and caged animals that are treated with gut wrenching disrespect bees just leave when they are not being treated properly. They don't attack.

This smells extraordinarily like someone at Council has a personal grudge against the professional bee keepers. They want an in on the fees being paid. It is absolutely disgraceful.

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Tell us why: I think people should be able to have up to 5 hives if their flight path does not affect any neighbours. For example if hives are on a rooftop of a building in Auckland city they do not affect any neighbours with bee poo or flight paths. Bees in the city create an awareness to mass people about the importance of bees and pollination to people that don't live in rural areas where there are a lot of bees.

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Tell us why: While I think that hives are important to the survival of our existence I believe that is important to review the number of hives in Urban locations however I believe to restrict to two hives & 2000 square metres is excessive, especially in Auckland's environment, I would suggest that the number of properties that fit into the 2000 square metres is extremely limited unless they are semi rural.

I suggest that this should be <600 square metres properties & lift the number of hives from 2 to 4.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Yes, I agree

Tell us why: You don't want a lot of bees in a small area.

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Tell us why: Annoying the neighbours.

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Tell us why: About time.

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Tell us why: Bees are under threat globally from a variety factors. They are critical to the planets ecology, as global citizens we should be doing everything we can to support bee populations. Locally, bee's are critical to supporting Auckland' environmental strategy.

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Tell us why: The is a major bee poo problem in our area (mangere bridge). It is resulting damage to my property (staining car, deck, outdoor furniture and clothing on my washing line). Clearly the number of hives in the area is too high. Low limit restrictions are needed.

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Tell us why: BEES:

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They do not compete with native bees, if anything they compliment the environment

Pest control should be more with wasps as these cause more issues and compete with native bird life

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Tell us why: Did not need this

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Refer to chaos of Waipa District Council bee rules

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Tell us why: This submission is made by The Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers Association, a non-profit incorporated society formed in 1987 to promote and represent the interests of ratepayers and residents in the Titirangi area. The Association can be traced back to the 1920s when an unincorporated society is recorded as lobbying Council regarding roads.

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Titirangi
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    a. The feeding of feral chickens in Titirangi led to a proliferation of rats in public areas and private land that required significant council investment to control. This continues to be a problem in Titirangi.

    b. Stray and feral cats carry high loads of zoonotic disease which then exposes the people feeding those cats but also people that may inadvertently come into contact with those cats e.g. children in sandpits where a cat may have defecated

4. **Inclusion of cat controls in the Animal Management Bylaw** - the TRRA strongly advocates that controls around cats are included in the Animal Management Bylaw. We encourage Auckland Council to adopt meaningful cat management policies and regulations to support responsible domestic cat ownership, to minimise risk to human health and to minimise the risk of nuisance cats to biodiversity.

    a. Cats are predators. Domestic cats pose a significant risk to native and endemic birds, lizards, and insects throughout New Zealand. The detrimental direct effect of cats on populations of native species has been widely recognised and documented.

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e. When poorly managed, irresponsible owners of domestic cats contribute to the growth of stray and feral cats, which have even more devastating impacts.

f. The TRRA acknowledges the position cats hold as a valued companion animal to loving owners. As a loved animal, these owners also need to take responsibility for their cat's behaviour. Limiting the number of cats on a property and ensuring all cats are de-sexed and microchipped is the bare minimum of this responsibility.

g. The reproductive potential of a single female cat is estimated at 300 kittens in her reproductive lifetime. The potential for a male cat is far beyond that. MPI's Code of Welfare states puberty can occur from four months of age. Responsible cat ownership includes having cats desexed at or before puberty. The TRRA supports the provision of targeted funding towards voluntary de-sexing and the establishment of an education programme teaching responsible cat ownership.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be fewer rules.

Tell us why: 2000m2 is too large. Less than 1000m2, and more than 5 hives. Hives dont take up much space, and even hobby beekeepr will generally have more than 2 hives. Current proposal will essentially mean everyone beekeeping in urban area needs to apply.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Consider increasing density of hives, but have set back distance from boundary.

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Tell us why: Makes sense

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Tell us why: We live in a multicultural society. The need to have Bylaws in the simplest format will be of benefit

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Naturally all Councils Bylaws should be in Maori as well to meet our Treaty obligations

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What is your opinion on this proposal? No, I don't agree - there should be more rules

Tell us why: A rule about the placement of beehives (especially proximity to neighbours' dwellings) should also be considered e.g no beehives within 50-100metres of a neighbouring house. The current regulations regarding bee flight paths and creating nuisance (primarily damage from "bee poo") do not seem to be enforced, or are based on voluntary compliance? This is based on my experience of having a neighbour's beehives close to my house, located on top of their carport, when space is available in their garden, well away from neighbours' houses. (I support beehives in urban locations, just in the right places).

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: My key concern is about compliance with the by-laws - while education and improved awareness of the rules/policies is helpful, this may not be sufficient to ensure that owners of animals actually follow the rules and take adequate consideration of their i

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