
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3J. Tāwharanui Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
375	I do not support the proposed change	Too wordy
636	I support the proposed change	This is a beautiful place with native birds etc. A dog will always be a dog so good to keep them away from birds etc. Also, I would prefer not to meet a dog while walking this track.
960	I do not support the proposed change	Should be changed so dogs HAVE access. Dogs should have the right to enjoy all beaches under control of their owners, if owners do not have control harsh penalties should be enforced.
1198	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1472	I support the proposed change	This sounds reasonable
2141	I support the proposed change	Just enforce it
2146	I do not support the proposed change	Well-behaved dogs (and responsible owners) should be able to access the park. If you're not going to enforce bad dogs and irresponsible owners, don't ban the reverse.
2350	I do not support the proposed change	On lead should be fine
2784	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive. And over the top that a dog can't even be in the car.
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
3598	Other (please explain below)	Would love for dogs to be able to access the walking tracks on leash only
4096	I support the proposed change	Agree entirely. Extend the dog ban over a larger area at Tawharanui.
4412	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4512	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.
4538	I support the proposed change	Clarification is great.
4611	I do not support the proposed change	Ridiculous that dogs in vehicles can be prohibited
4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash walking. I do not support this.
5840	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are on leash and under control they should be allowed at camp grounds and on foreshore.

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6125	I support the proposed change	Vulnerable birds don't understand the boundary so there are still tonnes of them around the entrance.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
181	I support the proposed change	Minimises any confusion regarding prohibited areas.
777	I support the proposed change	This makes it very clear that dogs are completely prohibited from the park.
1954	I do not support the proposed change	There are already plenty of places that dogs are not allowed, people that don't like dogs can go there. Think of the dogs quality of life having to be on lead all the time. They need to be exercised off lead (as long as under control) for their mental and physical health. You should be going after people that have unruly dogs that are causing trouble, not responsible dog owners that already abide by the rules, because you will find most people do! Have you seen the mess that HUMANS leave behind at our beaches and regional parks, they leave rubbish, cigarette butts and all sorts, you should be going after these people, not dogs.
3688	I do not support the proposed change	AND
3762	I do not support the proposed change	Let the dogs be there
4790	I support the proposed change	Be nicer to enjoy without dogs and their poop
5129	I do not support the proposed change	There is no where else to walk dogs. so much development around is doing just as much damage. When you develop you should also take into account spaces 24/7 for dogs (dont forget people who do shift work and dont fit in with the general 9-5 l work time table (eg nurses) They to need to take their dogs for walks.
5722	I do not support the proposed change	The restricted area should be inside the pest fence only
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
1182	I do not support the proposed change	As previously
2242	I do not support the proposed change	Pointless. The protected area is sufficient
2422	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see why this part of Aotearoa needs to basically ban dogs!
4285	I support the proposed change	Same response as previous, they are highly populated areas with young and old, animals and areas that need to be protected to continue letting them to thrive. Having understanding from animal owners should be acceptable to all live in a big city.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5872	I do not support the proposed change	More prohibited areas. :-(And not allowed even in the car? That's tough. You can't even drive to the car park and enjoy a view while staying inside your vehicle? :-(

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5906	I support the proposed change	This is a pest free sanctuary. Dogs are already not allowed in those places. Also need to keep cats out as a pest free sanctuary.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	Not necessary.
6434	I support the proposed change	Respects the environment and it's people.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
436	Other (please explain below)	This is the same same just waste of money creating new signs
998	I do not support the proposed change	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1412	I do not support the proposed change	It is already ridiculously hard to find places to walk dogs ESPECIALLY if you want to allow the dog to be off leash. We claim to be a country that loves animals but there are very few places that you can actually take a dog which is crazy considering almost one third of Aucklanders have dogs. Summer is particularly difficult as it is so hot during the day, and you can't walk the dog unless it is at a beach or river where they can play in the water to cool down. However, the council continues to make this harder and harder particularly in summer. Either provide more beaches that are dog friendly and create more dedicated dog friendly off leash parks and walks that aren't small boring areas, around the whole of Auckland. Or at the very least do not put this proposal in place. You claim that the reason for these changes is to minimize risk in these areas. The reasonable solution would to be to create somewhere that people can go instead.
1606	I do not support the proposed change	You are taking away so many places for people to exercise their dog and enjoy at the same time. it's backwards instead of improving its just restricting and becoming unreasonable
2258	I do not support the proposed change	I don't want my dog on leash prohibited.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
3611	I do not support the proposed change	There are plenty of responsible dog owners who love having their furry friends with them - they shouldn't have to miss out because of those that don't respect the rules. Surely there's a way to have this monitored or something put in place so people with dogs can have more access
3790	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason or need for this change.
6317	I support the proposed change	As this is a kiwi sanctuary an exception can be made, although I personally prefer to camp in a dog-friendly location.
6540	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be allowed on leash on the tracks and the camping grounds
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		

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95	Other (please explain below)	Dogs under Control should be allowed in most places in regional parks. Dogs on lead should be allowed in all places in regional parks. Regional parks are for all Aucklanders and should not be off-limits for those with dogs wanting to enjoy them
351	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in the park , even if only on a Lesh
566	I support the proposed change	It's good to have some areas completely dog free
607	I do not support the proposed change	I STRONGLY OBJECT. THIS DENIES TOTAL ACCESS!!! You are further discriminating against dog-owning ratepayers by further denying access to public shared spaces.It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY.
690	I do not support the proposed change	More dog access should be granted at this park
864	I do not support the proposed change	Greater access for dogs under control and on a leash at all times should be given to tawharanui beach and area
1026	I do not support the proposed change	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in gulf Harbour and we have no where to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking
1106	Other (please explain below)	Small dogs on short leashes are no harm to any wildlife and should be able to be taken on walks on a short
1137	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to go anywhere if under control and have good recall - it's more about the owners they should be fined if they don't pick up poo or if dogs are not well behaved
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all regional parks.
1518	I support the proposed change	Protect the birds
1540	Other (please explain below)	I don't see a change
1634	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be able to be in all areas of public parks. There are plenty of other areas for them to be in
1682	I support the proposed change	Visited Tawharanui last week and saw dogs in the car park
1699	I do not support the proposed change	I see no difference here. We love this beach but cannot attend the area because of our on lead well behaved dog.
2140	Other (please explain below)	There is no change here! Kiwi aversion training should be a requirement prior to entry.
2168	I support the proposed change	Protect this area from dogs

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2512	I support the proposed change	This park is a gem and lovely to be able to see so many different types of birdlife. These wouldn't be there if Dogs were prohibited
2608	I support the proposed change	Sensible, protects wildlife and farm animals
3450	I support the proposed change	This bird sanctuary regional park is a national treasure and must be preserved at all cost.
3803	I don't know	This appears to be not functionally any different?
4620	I support the proposed change	This is a precious area and it needs to be protected as best as possible
4755	I support the proposed change	Keep dogs away from wildlife and families camping.
5221	I support the proposed change	Prohibition of dogs allows our beautiful parks and beaches to be enjoyed by people.
5385	I support the proposed change	It is a sacred place for growth and renewal People love these areas and seeing native species revived needs to be constantly protected
5430	I do not support the proposed change	Just not dog friendly at all
5712	I do not support the proposed change	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
5829	I support the proposed change	This is a very important predator-proof environment and all should be done to protect it at all times. It is one of the few places you can go to see Kiwi in the wild. This is gold and must be kept safe to protect our native icon.
6609	I support the proposed change	Agree prohibit dogs from park
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		

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541	I do not support the proposed change	There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! Dogs should be allowed in all parks on-leash at all times! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!!
2216	Other (please explain below)	The dogs should be aloud at the camp ground but must be keep inside at night.
2223	Other (please explain below)	I support most of the proposed changes.
2233	I support the proposed change	This is a nature reserve and must be protected at all costs
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous
3428	I do not support the proposed change	Can there be any changes made to this proposal? It's a shame there is nowhere you can walk dog at Tarawhanui park.
4566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off leas access.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be banned from regional park
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
160	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
289	I support the proposed change	I fully support the proposed change. Dominantly the reason is that so much time, money and effort goes into protecting wildlife and rules around dog management should help support this effort. So often one wayward dog and create so much destruction
337	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibiting access will create more problems than they will solve
399	I support the proposed change	Clear
1400	I do not support the proposed change	Why does it matter if you have a dog on a leash and under control WHY are they banned. Yet another Auckland regional park I pay for that I can't enjoy with my controlled dog that you are charging me to own

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1587	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members to us, just like our children. So why are there so many regulations for them?
1654	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control. Families and children should be able to go to the beach with there dogs!!
2511	I don't know	I'm not sure if it's fair to completely prohibit dogs but hopefully there's a valid and fair explanation
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
3225	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have a restricted access to this park, even on leash
3286	I do not support the proposed change	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
4153	Other (please explain below)	It would be massively appreciated if dogs could be allowed on-leash at tawharanui at some point during the year. We used to love going to Tawharanui but since our dog joined as a member of our family, we have not visited in years. It is a long drive from Auckland and we simply wouldn't leave our dog at home alone all day.
4592	I support the proposed change	it is sensible to add clarity
4746	I support the proposed change	Finally! Of course dogs should not be allowed anywhere near this reserve.
4877	I do not support the proposed change	Good dog owners are responsible and take care of their dogs
5318	I do not support the proposed change	Seems like a waste of time.
5338	I do not support the proposed change	Ok but make it a bulleted list and always have it shown with a map.
5363	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack. If they are to be allowed, this should be on leash at ALL times... and no more than 1 per person.
5391	Other (please explain below)	It is understandable that dogs would be prohibited if there are protected species of animals that could be harmed. Maybe there could be a park that allows Dog walking set up or a part of reserve that could be set aside for dogs as in parts of the North Shore. It is getting to the stage that dog owners and dogs are being banned from any places for any type of exercise outside of their home.
5459	I support the proposed change	As no change in policy, just clarifying prohibition
5568	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on a leash or under control no further restrictions are necessary. Don't punish good dog owners. We have as much rights to use our public spaces as everyone else.
5585	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is already sufficiently strict.
5849	I do not support the proposed change	Allow dogs
5897	I don't know	Need a map to understand the change in rules

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6092	I do not support the proposed change	While protecting wildlife is essential, it's important to ensure that sufficient dog-friendly areas remain available to accommodate the needs of dog owners.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
2483	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash should be allowed on beach
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
4843	I support the proposed change	Council must be prepared to enforce these rules at all times.
5448	I support the proposed change	Dog owners not complying so stop them in full.
6580	Other (please explain below)	Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
698	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in this park.
739	I do not support the proposed change	Again the issue lies with uncontrolled dogs. Those which are well behaved off leash are not the challenge. Propose a strong focus on dog management/ownership vs punishment for all. Recommend an update to 'Dogs which do not have strong recall or can not be controlled off-leash should be on leash at all times'. Focus on the issue and responsible management of these dogs vs punishment for both owners and dogs who are managed, well behaved off leash.
783	I support the proposed change	This is clearer and sends a strong message to fisherman at Jones Bay who might let their dogs roam.
1228	I support the proposed change	I know this is an important area for wildlife
1437	I do not support the proposed change	I cannot go to this beach because of the dog rule. I would support allowing dogs under control on a leash to visit Tāwharanui Regional Park
2545	I do not support the proposed change	why
2809	I don't know	I am unsure of the difference
3555	I support the proposed change	This is a precious sanctuary the rule amendment isn't that far removed from what is already known about full dog restrictions in this area.
3760	Other (please explain below)	Owners with responsible dog owner license should be allowed to walk dogs on leash pick up poop etc.

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3771	I support the proposed change	Important site no dogs.. more policing required
3957	I support the proposed change	It is explicit
3959	I do not support the proposed change	Kills the area
4211	I support the proposed change	No dogs please.
4470	I do not support the proposed change	No
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Give us off leash 24/7
5801	I do not support the proposed change	The most beautiful beach in Auckland and the best place to spend the day with friends and family. I want to continue to enjoy this with all family members (dogs included). Responsible dog owners have their dogs under control, pick up after them, and don't make an impact on others.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
209	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be nowhere near this park. Birdlife must be protected. This is a great park to go to for families due to no dogs. It's one of the key reasons we go there with our three young children.
369	Other (please explain below)	let dogs visit!!!
495	I support the proposed change	Regional parks are in place to protect vulnerable species, and aren't a place for dogs. There are plenty other places that are suitable for dogs
499	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leads are ok
505	I do not support the proposed change	This is restricting dog access to good areas they can cool off and get the exercise they need before continuing to be restrained. If you are prohibiting this area, what area are you opening up for dog exercise and socialisation?
519	I support the proposed change	They will still have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences fir not following the rules.
691	I do not support the proposed change	I've said it all before.
907	I support the proposed change	Good. No dogs!
1114	I do not support the proposed change	Why shouldnt controlled dogs (Kiwi Trained dogs) be allowed here to be part of the family and enjoy the beach
1248	I support the proposed change	Excellent change - absolutely right for the area.
1341	I do not support the proposed change	Too draconian. Also this proposed policy treats small and medium sized dogs with the same treatment as aggressive larger dogs. Post-covid there has been a significant increase in small-medium sized dogs in families and rules need to adapt as 'dogs' under policy definition is too broad
1861	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules fine

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1957	Other (please explain below)	Keep the rules as they are.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2315	I do not support the proposed change	This is unnecessarily restrictive and a disproportionate reaction to the level of issue and complaint that comes from existing dog control bylaws. Many Aucklanders have dogs and this will create further restrictions on their use and enjoyment of our local natural environment. We should put more emphasis on bylaws concerning cats who are actually much more likely culprits in hurting our wildlife, for example.
3107	I do not support the proposed change	The change is based on a redundant/old fashioned view of dogs (big & dangerous) & owners. While there are irresponsible dog owners in the minority - the majority of dogs & their owners are well trained, socially adjusted, contained, clean, small in size & socially important for the health & wellbeing of Aucklanders, A blunt instrument is being proposed that will punish dogs & owner's freedoms and our access to common spaces that are for all to enjoy. You're not fixing anything; you're neglecting to face the problem head on. The issue that should be addressed is responsible dog ownership. In Switzerland you must first demonstrate ability to become a good dog owner before you're allowed to bring a new pup home - they complete a course & take a practical & written exam. Responsible dog ownership (also in France & the UK) includes dogs allowed on buses, in restaurants/cafes, shops, museums, local parks, hotels - culturally the nation has moved on from dogs as hunters, fighters, working on farms to kind gentle creatures that are an extension of whanua. We don't go anywhere without our pup - to that end it's our freedom you're curbing, not just that of the dog. I would visit a lot more places & be more active/participatory if Akld was canine-friendly (instead of Uber Eats I'd spend my money at Akld businesses who are currently struggling). In Germany laws discourage pet owners from leaving their dogs at home for too long, In Hungary microchipping is mandatory, a program to make neutering affordable, rules to ensure every dog gets the minimum required exercise every day. In France messy footpaths were solved by adding more poop/doggy bag stations (again dog owners can subsidise the cost). Have you considered delineating dog rules based on the type of breed & size of dog? Owners paying more to register a dog in order to recoup council costs of legislating the rules seems fairer. On our affluent street we have a very large mastif owned by a family for security - he has no space to run & isn't walked, so he howls all the time. Where is the genuine Akld Council focus on the welfare of animals? I'm disappointed you're not taking the opportunity to modernise & pay attention to what's happening in your communities - the proposal is not relevant in these times. This is a total fail. Please better support the responsible
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Waste of time.

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3695	I do not support the proposed change	It should be the decision of the dog owner to allow Dogs to be on/off leash rather than a mandated law. I strongly oppose these changes. Definitely oppose any full ban on dogs form regional parks
3796	I do not support the proposed change	It seems very extreme on conditions where recreational activities happen
3990	I do not support the proposed change	Cant dogs on a leash have access?
4580	I do not support the proposed change	You can't penalise bach owners who have dogs as part of their family. Of course they should be allowed to have them in their vehicle when passing through the park to get to their bach. They know how to control their dog and shouldn't be penalised because of a few idiots
4735	I support the proposed change	yes
5918	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are clear.
6087	I do not support the proposed change	This is a family area and dogs on leashes should be allowed as part of a family outing
6116	I do not support the proposed change	Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's strategic plan prioritising higher-density housing, many residents now live without access to private gardens or yards. This makes local parks vital for responsible pet ownership. Denying dog owners reasonable access forces them to travel further afield, which can be impractical and counterproductive to community goals around local engagement and sustainability. 3. Supporting Mental Health and Well-being Dogs play a crucial role in the mental health and emotional well-being of many residents. They provide companionship, reduce loneliness, and encourage

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6122	I do not support the proposed change	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6379	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in the area in cars as long as the normal health of animals is considered. The change precludes an dog owner from passing through the area.
6395	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are excessive, majority of dog owners are responsible and able to exercise their dogs without causing any problems for other park users. There are not enough free access for dogs in Auckland already and putting further restrictions is going to have a detrimental impact Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners.
6524	I support the proposed change	These are areas where people go for relaxation and to enjoy themselves and their families and you dont want to have to keep looking over your shoulder / guarding young children for dogs. Young families relaxation time is precious enough and therefore we need to safeguard it. Dogs are also a threat to other farm animals and bushlife.
6550	I do not support the proposed change	Because it is an open area which is shared with family's which enables people to walk their dogs and connect removing this limits people
6673	I support the proposed change	to reduce nuisance and protect wildlife
6772	I support the proposed change	Sounds reasonable
6783	I support the proposed change	This makes the rules very clear to everyone.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2245	I do not support the proposed change	Maori land to be determined by iwi you have already had huge push back stop doing it Family and dogs love it there
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
619	Other (please explain below)	I think it sad that dogs cannot be with families at this location.
1357	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on leash and under control, I believe they could be allowed in the regional Park. Even through there are kiwi birds, this should not be an issue if the dogs and walkers stay on tracks.
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine. Why change it

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4619	I do not support the proposed change	Keep it simple. Over regulating
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
4059	I do not support the proposed change	Council should be looking at ways of improving the number of areas dogs can be exercised and socialised within Auckland. Proposed changes look to limit this considerably. Proposed changes look to penalise good dog owners that do the right thing by limiting access across Auckland rather than addressing the real issue which is irresponsible dog owners with menacing dog breeds.
4364	I do not support the proposed change	I dont understand what nuisance a dog under control on a leash can cause outside the gate at the carpark
4565	I support the proposed change	I think all regional parks should have dogs prohibited at all times. Keep it simple and clear. The parks are not appropriate places for dogs.
5117	I do not support the proposed change	This IS a change in access. I understand prohibiting inside the pest control fence, but outside too? That makes no sense.
5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
213	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash on the grass parks
813	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed within the area if they are on a leash.
980	I support the proposed change	This park is mostly a no go for dogs anyway, Dog owners tend not to go there to exercise their dog. This rule just makes clearer the entire area is off limits
1010	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be ok in a vehicle and on leash in most areas.
1180	I support the proposed change	recently visited tawharanui and saw dogs in cars and walking outside the gates areas. It's too close to the sanctuary and also dogs are u comfortable
1247	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans create more damage
1516	I support the proposed change	Too many dogs not under control
1550	I don't know	Again I can't tell what is different here.
1589	I do not support the proposed change	We have driven through the park multiple times with our dog in the car knowing he cannot get out. Silly to not be allowed to do this
1604	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should at least be allowed under control on leash
1722	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed at the park if under control and off a leash. Dog do not cause damage to parks. Auckland has very limited areas for dogs to run around. Our rates pay for these parks and we should be able to use them as we need to.
1761	I support the proposed change	Too much risk of dogs getting through vehicle gates into the park.

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1842	I do not support the proposed change	Including dogs in a vehicle??? Seriously??? That's ridiculous. There's a whole lot of restrictions being put on dogs for no valid reason. Why would anyone want a dog when they can't even take them for a walk in so many areas. Lock them up at home is what it sounds like you want dog owners to do because that seems fair to the dogs
1936	I support the proposed change	The park is a local treasure/ taonga due to the protected wildlife sanctuary. Dogs must be as restricted and prohibited in the park and surrounds as possible.
2178	I do not support the proposed change	can't be bothered - its all too restrictive.
2187	I do not support the proposed change	Again why are dogs seen as an issue? Where is the evidence?
2294	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are member of the family. You don't discriminate a member of a dog. If a dog is on leash, and under control they should allowed access.
2537	I do not support the proposed change	Dog access is limited already and poses no threat
2558	Other (please explain below)	I don't think the change is necessary, as the current rules are very clear. I think there should be changes to dog access in Tawharanui Regional Park, but I understand the current proposal is about rewording the rules, not changing them.
2609	I do not support the proposed change	We NEED more shaded tree walks for dogs. I am so incredibly sick of having to walk out in the open with my dog, getting burnt and baking when it's already hot at 7am and still hot at 7pm. I just returned from Taupo where the council leaves green, shaded walks all over town for dogs, Yet here in Rodney/ North Shore, I have to walk round houses because dogs are banned from all the walkable trails. We should have at least some forest walks open to us in the park. Dogs on leads that are well controlled do absolutely no harm. I do not understand why Auckland Council hate dogs so much. Every change I have seen so far is going from restriction, to even more restriction or an outright ban. There are already extremely limited options for dog walking in summer yet the council seem to be out to make life even more difficult for dog owners. It is already the worst region in the country I have experienced in terms of such limited dog access and it looks like you want to make it worse. I see no reason at all to ban dogs. This forces people to walk dogs on the burning hot streets or it forces everyone into tiny areas with huge numbers of dogs. Many, many people in the region have a pet dog, yet Auckland Council wants to punish all of us who are responsible, due to a small minority that are not. As long as dogs are on leads and under control, I see absolutely no reason why they should be banned. Most dogs I see are better behaved than most children, and cats do vastly more killing than dogs, yet there is no will apparently to prevent more people buying cats.

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2638	I support the proposed change	The risk of dogs getting loose in the dog is too high for the massive cost it has taken in personnel time and Council money to develop the park to this point. The level of fines here needs to go up and also be instant.
2937	I do not support the proposed change	Tāwharanui should have the same access rules as other beaches in the area. There is nothing different about it.
3161	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few options to walk your dog off leash and The area, if you are not entered the park over the cattle gates at Jones Road you should be able to walk your dog in that area
3254	I support the proposed change	Dogs have no place in Tawharanui.
3343	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts. Adding rules like not being allowed in cars etc is cruel.
3610	I do not support the proposed change	It is a great national park so dogs should be allowed on leash- dog owners should be responsible to handle the dogs
3808	I support the proposed change	Dogs are a serious threat to the excellent work to restore native species populations there. Last year I had the pleasure of seeing a kiwi there, as well as kaka, dotterels and others. Dogs should be kept as far away from Tawharanui park as possible.
3850		Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks. I understand there are kiwi and other birds in this park, perhaps outside of the predator fence could be on-leash?
3933	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that dogs should be allowed in the park adjoining the regional park
4053	I support the proposed change	So important.. no dogs with preservation of native species..
4111	I support the proposed change	Protection of this area is important.
4120	I do not support the proposed change	I think there should be some access to denominated farm paddocks and tracks.
4140	I support the proposed change	It is imperative to protect our flora and fauna
4311	I do not support the proposed change	Keep it the way it was .. on leash only
4322	I support the proposed change	Clarifies that dogs are also not allowed in the areas surrounding the park such as Jones Bay.
4361	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland. You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.

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4380	I support the proposed change	See previous
4639	I do not support the proposed change	Works fine as it is
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4938	I support the proposed change	It is the only sensible way forward to protect animals, insects, reptiles and birds etc.
4966	I support the proposed change	I visit the Park a great deal and welcome the proposed changes to provide clarity to dog owners.
4971	I support the proposed change	I visit Tawharanui often and welcome the proposed changes to provide clarity to dog owners.
5260	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island.
5587	I support the proposed change	When using the park with my grandchildren I do not want to be approached by any dogs. This lessens the risk of my grandchildren or myself being harassed or bitten by a dog.
5800	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners and well trained dogs do not pose any threat to the area, natural environment or habitat anymore than humans do.
5901	I support the proposed change	More clearly understandable
6102	I support the proposed change	No problem as seems to be a logical extension of current rules
6514	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leads should be allowed at any time. Y definition they are controlled.
6578	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules effect everyone
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
304	I do not support the proposed change	The Status Quo should remain.
466	I support the proposed change	It's an area of importance, dogs would hurt the wildlife and have negative impacts on the environment
1814	I support the proposed change	It's good to be clear.
2723	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner, we love to enjoy a good nature walk with our lovely well behaved dog. Unfortunately ,there are less and less dogs allowed or safe place to walk my dog, not CBD,(not safe for human either), not shopping malls, not regional parks, not lot of reserves, then where can we walk? Auckland is an international inclusive city, and it's famous for it. If we can include all/none genders or LGBTQ human beings from all the world, we should do the same thing to dogs, our closest best friends
2837	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are more straightforward and easier to understand and don't contain a superfluous restriction on dogs in vehicles.

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3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made - you can't change where we drive with our pets - what if your dropping something off to someone and need to have your dogs - not getting gout with them is fine - but come on !!!
4289	I do not support the proposed change	Reading the proposed policy, it only meant "don't go here if you a dog" - again, this is not fair. If we want to visit with a dog, this should be allowed as long as they are always controlled & on-leash. I would understand not going to the farm paddocks for the safety of the other animals, but why prohibit us from going to the beach?
5349	I do not support the proposed change	You have a fenced area this is sufficient
5702	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control should be able to go to this park
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
6424	I do not support the proposed change	Just reduces the places responsible dog owners can take their dogs!!
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
1381	I support the proposed change	Nesting shorebirds need greater protection.
2731	I support the proposed change	To protect the amazing native fauna that is re-establishing itself in this important regional park
2740	I support the proposed change	Prohibited areas go into more detail. However, it doesn't help if it is not monitored. I do not dare anymore to talk to dog owners. Most become very defensive at the least or aggressive at the worst.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
486	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers should take the call as to when to walk their dogs and where. They dont need to be given such restrictions
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed on leash all times
713	I support the proposed change	give us space to enjoy the outdoors
965	Other (please explain below)	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park at all times
1148	I do not support the proposed change	I think there should be an area for dogs whether on or off leash
1303	I support the proposed change	Biodiversity values should be paramount.
1325	I support the proposed change	Please provide better enforcement.

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1576	I do not support the proposed change	The places we can take our dogs for off-leash runs become less and less. Dedicated dog parks are not the answer as stress levels in our dogs tend to rise if they're exposed to too many dog encounters at the same time and with it tension and escalation. We avoid dog parks and beaches like the plague. It's not relaxing. It would be nice to be able to take our dogs for beach strolls where they can roam free and enjoy the sunset with their owners. Why punish everyone when most dogs fit into the community so well. It's understandable to limit dog access to protect wild life and flora of course.
1833	I support the proposed change	The proposed changes are clearer and more specific
2095	Other (please explain below)	Please see answer already provided under Section 2 which applies to all areas. It is the owners who allow their dogs to roam out of control that need to be policed/controlled. Activities should not be curtailed for the majority, who manage our animals well.
2167	I support the proposed change	Protects the wild life
4044	I do not support the proposed change	I have had issues with individuals with off leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial.
4571	I support the proposed change	This area must be protected from dogs, especially as kiwi and many native restoration of birdlife etc. I fully agree to not allow dogs into any of these areas. Also people love camping here because they do not have to worry about dogs. They should def not be allowed in cars or owners just take them and leave them in the car it is awful. This should be strictly enforced and fined!! if there is no consequence owners just keep doing it and say then didnt know!!
4767	Other (please explain below)	How about providing an access area to walk your dog instead of total exclusion
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates. I pay extremely high rates AND pay for dog registration and don't even get to take my dog barely anywhere. It's getting ridiculous. Stop banning on-leash dogs from everywhere. There's almost nowhere left to go Leashed dogs aren't a threat. Leave it as is.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners should not be punished for having a companion
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
101	I support the proposed change	This is a beautiful park, keeping it dog free is essential. Fabulous birdlife, farm animals, a real oasis.

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122	I do not support the proposed change	I think this is a clunky solution to irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off leash and don't have control/consistent recall of their dog, and don't well socialise their dog, and the proposed changes greatly affects all responsible dog owners. Unfortunately, I think there needs to be more 'legislation' around dog ownership (for example needing to pass a basic test to get a dog ownership license) and enforcement around irresponsible dog owners (non-registered dogs etc), as opposed to clunky restriction to public parks.
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting dog access
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibit the people coming up with these self absorbed policies. Current policies only
2185	Other (please explain below)	It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	I support the proposed change	Safer
3263	I support the proposed change	There have been too many attacks on birds. Less dogs in critical areas will keep birds safer, and allow for harsher fines if the rules are broken. There will need to be more dog control officers at the same time, or the changes will be completely useless.
3364	I support the proposed change	The wildlife and fauna of this regional park need protection
4582	I support the proposed change	If its to protect the wildlife then sure
4591	I support the proposed change	This park is an important wildlife sanctuary and uncontrolled dogs could attack and harm native birds and wildlife
4612	I support the proposed change	To protect native birds.
4930	I support the proposed change	Great news - the prohibited areas
5004	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are public resources that should be accessible to all Aucklanders, including dog owners. The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect those who follow the rules while doing little to address the real issue of non-compliance. Rather than creating more restrictions, Auckland Council should focus on improving compliance with existing regulations through education, signage, and enforcement.
5027	I do not support the proposed change	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.

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5358	I support the proposed change	Good
5624	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in parks. There are already few public spaces they can go.
6182	I do not support the proposed change	The changes should be made after the policy changes are made and agreed in a separate consultation.
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
2034	I do not support the proposed change	again, this seems quite excessive, the nearby bay should be fine in terms of protecting birds and if someone is staying in an accommodation in the area but want to visit the park, need to be able to get around the close by areas with their dogs.
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2455	I do not support the proposed change	Stupid to prohibit dogs in a vehicle. That just makes things impossible for dog owners! They should be allowed on roads and parking areas at least.
4754	Other (please explain below)	Dogs on leash in certain areas would be appreciated.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	It's very clear as it is.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Other (please explain below)	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.

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

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2684	I do not support the proposed change	Let's be realistic here. A lot of people in Auckland own dogs. As per my previous notes, as long as people have their dogs on leashes, that's what matters. Let's not over complicate this.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	Again further restricting where dog owners can walk their dogs. There are plenty of deserving problems to solve - find something else to do Auckland Council.
4818	I do not support the proposed change	New Zealand doesn't seem to be particularly dog-friendly and appears to lag behind other countries in this regard. Dogs are cherished members of the family, yet the increasing restrictions on accessing regional parks mean that many people are missing out on opportunities to enjoy these spaces with their pets. Dog owners pay registration fees, and homeowners contribute through rates. Shouldn't they be allowed to spend quality time with their furry family members in these public places? Instead of spending time and resources on introducing new rules, that effort could be better directed toward identifying and addressing owners who aren't following existing regulations. Additionally, funds could be used to improve park facilities, such as upgrading bins, to create a more enjoyable and responsible environment for everyone.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners
5330	I do not support the proposed change	They are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
5514	I do not support the proposed change	These are not amendments. These rules were made to dictate how people live their free lives including owning dogs. Shame on you AkL council!
6940	I support the proposed change	This is currently the only beach (including the campground) we can go to in the Auckland region where we feel we are safe with our children. This park has significant cultural importance to use as a family, due to it being a special place to visit across generations.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
4517	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues.
6428	I do not support the proposed change	Please open up more areas to parks, beaches and campgrounds. Dogs should be allowed to holiday with us.