# Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

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**Tell us why**

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I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs on lead are unlikely to cause disturbance to other beach users or disrupt wildlife - the presence of humans is just as disruptive (if not more so with kids chasing birds and accidentally destroying nests). Children are often unsupervised, whereas dogs on lead should not cause issues.

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I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are already enough restrictions for dogs, I don’t see the problem with dogs on lead in an area with other animals. It’s not fair for owners who have put a lot of time and effort into training their dog, and/or have a dog with no prey drive. Could there be some consideration to giving certain dogs extra access rights, ie ex guide dogs etc

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**Tell us why**

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There are already enough restrictions in the area without turning an all day off-lead are into on-lead area at during certain times

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**Tell us why**

When is lambing season? You've put exclusions in your proposed changes but have not defined when lambing season is. What is the problem with having dogs on lead during lambing season? It seems a bit over the top

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**Tell us why**

This is one of the few beaches in the area where dogs have always been welcome. I have never had any issues with other dogs at Forrestry beach, the dog owners are respectful and clean up after their dogs. This beach is harder to access that most of the main beaches in the area that have strict dog rules. Why restrict dog owners to the shitty inland beaches? It's not fair, especially for people who have well trained dogs that don't approach other people and have no prey drive

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**Tell us why**

**There are very few beaches in Auckland with off-lead or even on-lead access during the day. It seems the restrictions are getting more and more strict, but for what purpose? Children cause just as much disruption (if not more) in public places such as beaches than dogs do. Could there be consideration a course or qualification for well trained dogs to allow further access in certain areas? It's not fair that an ex guide dog with no prey drive, is grouped in with a high energy/untrained dog with a high prey drive. As usual I imagine the rules will change according to the changes outlined in this proposal. Public submissions do not ever seem to be considered and this process is adopted to make us think our opinion is important.**

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

**Tell us why**

Very few people can control 3 dogs off leash ensuring they see and pick up their poos and ensure they are under control. 3 dogs off leash should NOT be allowed.

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It's not the number of dogs that is the issue - it's that a lot of dog walkers are untrained, they just 'like' dogs

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**Tell us why**

Signs are sometimes different at different end of the beach/ park and/or online

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#141**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Don’t think professional dog walkers should be penalised just because minority can’t behave. Dog walks will become unaffordable at a time when they are needed more than ever by dual working families. This is not a black and white matter. Those that don’t behave now will unlikely behave with new laws. Will just penalise professionals.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#146**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers perform a valuable service for working dog parents. If this change comes into effect this will force many responsible dog walkers (pack walkers) out of business. In turn, this will impact our economy.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#154**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

It would adversely effect the ability of professional dog walkers to do their job in a cost effective manner. The dog problem is not the dogs under the control of the dog walkers it is the roaming dogs that are not under any control or supervision and the dog often pays the price for the irresponsible dog owner who allows their often untrained and unsocialized dog to wander. I think that is where the problem lies and that is where the effort should go. My suggestion would be initially a written warning and subsequently a fine to encourage the owner to be responsible. Its surprising how quickly a monetary infringement can modify behavior to compliance. The suggestion put forward is a bit of a cop out and it shows that you are doing something but it is not the answer. All it will do is cause many dog walking businesses to close down and then all those owners of dogs that have done nothing wrong will have a problem.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#181**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Support

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

**Tell us why**

Support 6 dog limit, but believe off-leash should be limited 2 dogs. When off-leash dogs engage with other off-leash dogs it can be difficult for the person in charge to maintain control.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Believe more can be done to make clear the bylaws and rules. Signage has improved, but can be clearer. Enforcement could be more rigourous but realise resources are limited for this role.

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Limits to dog ownership in urban areas, particularly high density.

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarify and ensure dog owners are notified, not only by signage in these areas but directly via email or messaging at time of registration or re-registration [not sure what current practice is].

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

Ensure that any changes are clearly conveyed to dog owners with consequences for non-compliance and provision for enforcement.

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

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

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

I support the proposed change

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

**Tell us why**

Reasonable balance between areas suitable for dog exercise and areas where dogs could inhibit safe recreational activities and natural wildlife.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Support prohibition of dogs between 10-5 on beach during summer time and other outlined prohibitions.

Also recommend some on-leash hours during Out of Summer Season. Beach area is still well-used during this time.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Prevents dogs roaming uncontrolled into areas adjacent to tracks and foreshore. Protects stock, wildlife, and ecostystems.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Balance between dog exercise and other recreational activities. Dependent on very clear signage indicating boundaries and enforcement due to extensive area of the park.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**
Minimises any confusion regarding prohibited areas.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Area outlined in 1 (right side of the road if entering the Park that has a row of large London Plane trees and a fenced grass area) should be dog free or at least a leashed area. This area is heavily used for picnics and family groups [has barbeques] who

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

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

Devonport peninsula

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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

**Tell us why**

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

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

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

Make one beach on the Devonport peninsula dog free at all times. Greater enforcement of above.

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

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

Many dog owners at Narrow Neck, Cheltenham and Torpedo Bay ignore the current rules, both summer and winter time, and make no use of the unrestricted area from the Sea Scout hall to Windsor Reserve. Making one of these beaches dog free would provide respi

**If dog access remains in place at Wenderholm [as I'm sure it will] please make the boundary between dog accessible and dog prohibited absolutely clear. Current signage is insignificant and is supplemented by hand written signage from park staff. Dogs are often taken into the prohibited area and there is no-one to report to most of the time.**

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

**#189**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Currently this is not a pressing issue - it's not broken so why change it. Dog walkers offer an incredible service and this will reprise many small reputable businesses.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#198**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Whenever I walk on North Head there are numerous dogs off leash. I have on two occasions been quite frightened when staffie-type dogs have come bounding towards me on secluded pathways with no owners in sight, the owners only appearing after a couple of minutes. I no longer walk the secluded paths which I used to enjoy. I have also witnessed a couple who picked up their dog droppings but then furtively put the bag behind some rocks and scrub down near 'The Cove' beach on the end of North Head.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

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

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

Whatever bylaws are changed or put in place, they will not make any difference if they are not backed up with policing. I have given up speaking to dog owners, who usually respond quite aggressively, when they are clearly breaking the bylaws even while signs are clearly visible. They know that there are no dog control officers in Devonport and nor will any come unless a dog is more or less attacking and by then it would be far too late anyway, the police would have had to be called. So local dog owners are confident they have free rein to do whatever they like without consequences. There seems to be a particular attitude in Devonport that 'we are different from the rest of Auckland, we do things our way.' Why should residents be responsible for trying to control irresponsible dog owners? There should be a dog control person based in Devonport or regularly patrolling.

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#201**

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

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Limiting the number of dogs that can be walked at one time severely impacts a large number of local businesses (in particular qualified dog walkers) who would not find their businesses feasible under these rules. I am a dog-parent of a 7yr old German Shepherd who has been walking with her pack for 4 years. This is an ESSENTIAL service for allowing my dog to remain calm, social and 'under-control' (trained). I selected 'Other' as I feel that no limits should be placed on the number of dogs HOWEVER I do believe there should be limitations on WHO is allowed to operate pack-walks. My pack walkers are QUALIFIED through uni/tech with dog behavioural diplomas, alongside years of experience, they are who should be allowed to/be licensed/regulated to walk dogs in larger packs. Licensing and regulation would ensure industry standards can be maintained (i.e., great example, my pack walkers ALWAYS move the pack to the side for walkers/cyclists etc.), which we know to date are not being followed by a number of 'cowboy' type businesses who do this as an easy income rather than with a true passion for dogs. These are the people causing a 'nuisance' and an issue. Another point, reducing the pack numbers may not make legal/safe business' feasible/more expensive, this will either reduce the number of good operators OR reduce customers abilities to pay for this service. What you may not understand is, these pack-walking businesses are keeping our dogs exercised (mental, physical and social stimulation) rather than being inside causing 'nuisance' type issues such as excessive barking etc. They also teach the dogs social skills and provide effective training so that are not reactive to the public/other dogs when outdoors, they create well rounded and social dogs. Personally this would have a huge impact on me as an AKL citizen as it would mean my dog must be home alone during the day while I am at the office working, leading to increased anxiety for my dog and likely her social skills will retract. In summary, the council needs to focus on licensing of these services RATHER than impacting the number of dogs that can be walked. Our walkers are our lifeline for our dog, they mean the world to her and us. This by-law is rash and not well thought through, please consult with the relevant people before making decisions (i.e., Professional Dog Walkers Association).

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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**Tell us why**

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

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**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#221**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

My dog currently goes on an adventure walk twice a week with an experienced dog walker. She has those that are under control off lead and those that are learning how to behave in the pack on lead. Not all dog walkers are created equal and Perhaps licensing the business and the walkers is a better use of your time. Ensure they have relevant credentials, experience and knowhow. There are cowboy outfits that shouldn't be allowed out at all - don't make it too hard for legitimate businesses to operate. We need to keep people in work!

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#236**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

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

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

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

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**#237**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Subject: Submission on Proposed Dog Walking By-law Changes

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed by-law changes that would limit the number of dogs that can be walked at one time. These restrictions would severely impact local businesses, particularly qualified dog walkers, making their operations unfeasible.

As a dog parent to a 7 year-old German Shepherd, I consider pack walking an essential service that helps my dog stay calm, social, and well-trained. This service provides crucial mental, physical, and social stimulation, preventing behavioral issues such as excessive barking and reactivity.

Rather than imposing limits on the number of dogs, I believe the focus should be on licensing and regulating who can operate pack-walking services. Qualified professionals—those with formal training, certifications, and experience—should be permitted to walk larger packs, ensuring high industry standards. This approach would address concerns about unqualified operators who do not adhere to best practices, unlike dedicated professionals who prioritize safety and public courtesy.

Reducing pack sizes may also increase costs, making these services unaffordable for many dog owners and potentially forcing reputable operators out of business. This could lead to more dogs being left home alone, which would negatively impact their well-being and contribute to nuisance behaviors in our community.

Personally, if these changes were implemented, it would mean my dog would need to stay home alone while I am at work, leading to increased anxiety and a decline in social skills.

I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on licensing and regulating professional dog walkers to ensure high standards and accountability. Please consult with relevant industry experts, such as the Professional Dog Walkers Association, before making any decisions that could significantly impact both businesses and dog owners alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#263**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Because the dog owners whom are the ones causing the issues are not going to be affected by this. Cowboy dog walkers won't be either - they'll simply find ways to dodge the rules. By making the proposed change in limiting numbers, you will only be harming the legitimate dog walkers who provide such a much needed service

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#296**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

If dogs are under control there should not need to be a limit on dogs walking

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#331**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

A limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time will not solve the problem. In relation to professional dog walkers, licensing would be the way forward to prove competency

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

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

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Ok with reducing the off leash area as proposed on the map , disagree with other changes

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Under control on leash rules should remain as they are. We do not have enough areas accessible to dogs as it is

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Access should not be restricted any further than it already is as we barely have access to anything as it is**

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

**#338**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I own a single dog who I walk both on and off leash depending on the area rules, he also goes on a pack walk every week with a very experienced pack walker, never has this caused any trouble. Myself and the pack walker have spent countless hours training my dog before he can go off leash. She has complete control of my dog and the entire pack.

In my personal experience when walking my dog, the trouble cones from people with one over two dogs, letting them off leash or on retractable leashes and then not monitoring the dog at all. Dogs off leash where they shouldn't be, dogs rushing at others on retractable leashes, dogs crossing the road to approach my dog while the owner is oblivious and on their phone. There are countless irresponsible dog owners and it makes walking a reactive or sensitive dog a nightmare but never ever have these experiences been with pack walkers or people with large numbers of dogs, it is always a single or two dogs being walked by owners who have no skills or knowledge in dog handling or behavior. Restricting professional pack walkers is ludicrous, these people are trained and can handle their dogs. Regulations are needed but not blanket rules that will impact the people who are not causing the problems, Auckland is already one of the most dog unfriendly cities in the world, let's not make it worse.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#374**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

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

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Any number of dogs could be dangerous in unqualified hands. A professional dog walker will complete due diligence of all dogs in their pack to ensure obedience and control.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#384**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers have the ability to manage multiple dogs off-leash. Restricting this number undermines their professional approach to dog/pack management.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

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

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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

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

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

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

**Ambury Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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

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

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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

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

**Tell us why**

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

**#394**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

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

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

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

Do not support

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

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I don’t believe that limiting numbers will fix the problems. It will create more as there will be a higher need for walkers so more uneducated people will appear. However I think there needs to be regulations but more around education and experience not limiting numbers.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#432**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

It is not the limit on dogs that needs to change. There are many reputable and competent dog walkers who provide excellent services. What needs to change / be implemented is rules around who can walk multiple dogs at once. A dog professional dog walker register / a licence permitting approved walkers to walk multiple dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#453**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

It is not the limit on dogs that needs to change. There are many reputable and competent dog walkers who provide excellent services. What needs to change / be implemented is rules around who can walk multiple dogs at once. A dog professional dog walker register / a licence permitting approved walkers to walk multiple dogs

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#472**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

My dog walker is responsible and you're penalising her. She may not be able to run her business due to changes. This means more dog will miss out on exercise. This will have significant impact on small local businesses and dogs well being

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#492**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed by-law changes that would limit the number of dogs that can be walked at one time. These restrictions would severely impact local businesses, particularly qualified dog walkers, making their operations unfeasible.

As a dog owner I consider pack walking an essential service that helps dogs stay calm, social, and well-trained. This service provides crucial mental, physical, and social stimulation, preventing behavioural issues such as excessive barking and reactivity.

Rather than imposing limits on the number of dogs, I believe the focus should be on licensing and regulating who can operate pack-walking services. Qualified professionals—those with formal training, certifications, and experience—should be permitted to walk larger packs, ensuring high industry standards. This approach would address concerns about unqualified operators who do not adhere to best practices, unlike dedicated professionals who prioritize safety and public courtesy.

Reducing pack sizes may also increase costs, making these services unaffordable for many dog owners and potentially forcing reputable operators out of business. This could lead to more dogs being left home alone, which would negatively impact their well-being and contribute to nuisance behaviors in our community.

Personally, if these changes were implemented, it would mean my dog would need to stay home alone while I am at work, leading to increased anxiety for both the pet and myself.

I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on licensing and regulating professional dog walkers to ensure high standards and accountability. Please consult with relevant industry experts, such as the Professional Dog Walkers Association, before making any decisions that could significantly impact both businesses and dog owners alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#517**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers are trained to walk packs of dogs and have established businesses around current rules. There are more problems with individual bad owners and dogs than pack walks.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**More access should be allowed for dogs controlled on leash.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#554**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I like hiking and going to beaches, but I saw many people who do not follow the rules

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I fully support the proposed limitations on dogs, as I've often encountered dog owners who disregard the rules. One particular incident stands out: while hiking on a narrow trail clearly marked with signs requiring dogs to be leashed, I came across a fami

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**I believe it's important to consider everyone. Not everyone feels comfortable around dogs. There should be designated times or spaces for those who prefer to enjoy certain areas without dogs. Additionally, fines for those who do not follow the rules should be clearly stated on signs, and the government must enforce these rules strictly.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#578**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I think if you would like to walk more than 6 dogs then you should have to be certified. Alot of people work as pack walkers, and many dog parents rely on those people to get their dog out and about while they are at work. Their business wouldn't be viable if they could only walk a small number of dogs. They would have to charge too much and wouldn't get the business. If this limit was introduced, you'd be taking jobs away from people and taking convenience away from pet owners. I do however agree with getting people to get certified or registered as a pack dog walker. Proving they have the training to handle that many dogs and also proving they have a vetting process in place to ensure the dogs they will be taking on walks wont cause trouble.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Sounds fair.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Happy with the summer beach hours. It would be nice if the council appeared more dog friendly however, it sometimes seems with legislation that they are quite anti-dog. We as dog owners (most of us) put a lot of effort to train and care for our dogs so they are safe and pleasant in public. We love the outdoors and exploring our beautiful country, it would be nice to have more nature areas we can take our dogs too. Whilst totally respecting the need to protect wildlife and not all places are appropriate for animals.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#589**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

You should consider allowing trained dog walkers to continue walking as many dogs as they can manage. Perhaps implement a registration program for certified dog walkers. Many families in our community rely on dog walkers to care for their pets during the day, especially as more adults are required to return to offices as work from home options are becoming more limited

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#598**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

For nearly 5 years our dogs have been extremely well looked after by our professional dog walkers. Their rigour regarding training and acceptance into their pack is outstanding with no issues whatsoever. It would seem that there has been an incident that has driven this policy initiative which is way out of kilter with the walkers who do an incredible job in a well-managed way

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It is difficult at times to know whether the website is the place of correct information as not all dog-related signage correlates. Clarifying signage and aligning it with the website would very much assist dog-owners in understanding things like on-beach/off-beach rules; also by-laws about dogs in areas like Devonport village and surrounds

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I don't understand why this question is being asked - surely there must already be expertise in clarifying menacing dogs?

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I don't understand why this needs clarifying, surely it is something that is visible to dog-owners throughout Auckland already?

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I would like to know why this isn't clear in the first place?

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, as per previous comment this is incredibly confusing.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As per previous comments

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

If there are issues, surely the Iwi is in control of the Maunga and provide this information already?

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

While there are aspects of the bylaws that obviously need clarifying or adjusting, please do not overdo aspects of policy that don't need addressing (i.e. professional dog walkers having limits on the dogs they walk, whether on-leash or off-leash).

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Narrowneck Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

We have a large number of very well controlled dogs in Devonport. The odd one is not under control but the owners are very aware when a dog is not being well managed. More freedom for dog owners to take dogs on the beach for greater periods of time would

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

As per comment above.

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**#605**

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**Tell us why**

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I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#663**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

In my experience as a dog owner using dog walkers and encountering dog walkers in public places the companies that walk dogs are careful and responsible with the dogs. I have never had any problem experiences with dog walkers in my 30 years of dog ownership - but have had plenty with individual dog owners and their dogs. Our dog walkers have been knowledgeable and helped us immensely with our dogs training and happiness. Limiting dog numbers will put these services about of the financial reach if most dog owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

For public safety reasons these dogs should not be bred from

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I read the proposal and it's not clear what is proposed. Communities should have input on access controls rather than having blanket rules.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

In some parts of the region with a higher proportion of maunga these spaces are an important part of the dog walking network. Responsible dog owners shouldn't be denied the opportunity to access these maunga for recreation and exercise. Regulations should target actual problems rather than imposing blanket controls.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

The council bylaws need to balance the benefits of dog ownership by largely responsible dog owners and carefully consider any further restrictions on access and rules for exercising dogs. Dogs who are well socialised (eg in pack walks) and get regularly exercised are happy dogs that will cause far fewer problems - barking, separation anxiety,

rushing etc. I don't believe the knock on consequences of restricting dog walkers and access to some public spaces have been well considered.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#665**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed by-law changes that would limit the number of dogs that can be walked at one time. These restrictions would severely impact local businesses, particularly qualified dog walkers, making their operations unfeasible.

As a dog owner, I consider pack walking an essential service that supports dog owners to provide their dogs with the regular ongoing care they need to stay healthy and calm. This service provides crucial mental, physical, and social stimulation, preventing behavioural issues such as excessive barking and reactivity.

Rather than imposing limits on the number of dogs, I believe the focus should be on licensing and regulating who can operate pack-walking services. Qualified professionals such as those with formal training, certifications, and experience, should be permitted to walk larger packs, ensuring high industry standards. This approach would address concerns about unqualified operators who do not adhere to best practices, unlike dedicated professionals who prioritise safety and public courtesy.

Reducing pack sizes may also increase costs, making these services unaffordable for many dog owners and potentially forcing reputable operators out of business. This could lead to more dogs being left home alone, which would negatively impact their well-being and contribute to nuisance behaviours in our community.

Personally, if these changes were implemented, it would mean my dog would need to stay home alone for long hours while I am at work, likely leading to increased anxiety and distress, nuisance behaviours and a decline in well-being.

I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on licensing and regulating professional dog walkers to ensure high standards and accountability. Please consult with relevant industry experts, such as the Professional Dog Walkers Association, before making any decisions that could significantly impact both businesses and dog owners alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#693**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers can't realistically control or pick up after mote dogs than that at a time. This is safer for dogs and the public.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

I want to understand what is changing

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I want to understand what is changing and how it will impact my dog

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#743**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Maximum eight dogs all off lead. My dog currently goes to a professional dog walker who takes the dogs in groups of 8. It is professional organisation that provides enrichment in a sensible and controlled manner. Pack dog walking is usually for those who have full time jobs and therefore occurs in the middle of a work and school day and often the beach/parks they go to aren't being used by anyone else (other than other dog walkers). My experience as a dog owner is that the problem dogs and owners are the ones who don't follow the current rules and just don't care, I've never had an issue with a professional dog walker but have had issues with single off lead dogs who are aggressive - this won't stop bad owners and won't prevent dog attacks, it will just be a sad outcome for all the well behaved puppers who are enjoying their days. A better solution would be a certificate or registration for dog walking companies to better regulate who can pack walk - so maybe Jo Blogs who has no experience can't walk a big group of dogs but someone it's years of experience can.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

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**Tell us why**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#777**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Usually the open spaces dog walkers use are busy and managing 3 dogs off leash and 3 on leash is quite a lot, even with very well behaved dogs. There are so many distractions and things of interest for the dogs it is often hard for them to focus on instructions. The relationship between a dog walker and dog and owner and dog is also different.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I would also like to see dogs on leash during day time in off season. This beach is popular with families and we have had dogs weeing on sandcastles the children were building. The owners seemed to think it was ok but I did not.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This is a more family friendly policy, especially for families with children under 5.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This makes it very clear that dogs are completely prohibited from the park.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The updated wording makes it very clear.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#820**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The whole reason I as a active dog responsible owner use a reputable dog walking service is so my active dog can run and play OFF lease. My pack walker goes to large areas (not public parks ) ie forest areas or parks well out of the way of public. She is trained in dog handling and Behaviour management. How many actual accounts have been documented of attacks by dogs properly managed in a dog walking scenario? They should not be penalised and seriously affect their ability to make a living. I support the idea totally that they are properly trained and  vetted and made accountable but  be given the right to walk dogs off lease. They shouldn't have to suffer for the ignorance of a few bad owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#831**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I believe 6 is actually too many as it should be 3 maximum

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during**

**lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs are a constant issues in regional parks with young  children and native animals

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Regional parks should be kept clear of dogs where possible

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

The barrier

**What local board area is this location in?**

I don't know

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs continue to create safely and environmental issues

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Takapuna

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationAs a daily user the dogs off leash and lack of control by owners is an issue**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#922**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I disagree with the proposed limit of "6 dogs on lead and 3 off-leash" at any one time.

This change will negatively affect professional dog walkers and the services provided by them.

Our dog walker is able to safely control more than 6 dogs and never had problems. Our dog has massively improved her behaviour since joining the walk.

If the number of dogs will be reduced to a maximum of 6 the price will become prohibited and we will have to stop sending our dog for walks. Many other dog owners will do the same and this will impact the community and industry.

Alternative solutions:

*Licensing professionals to walk larger groups

*Enforcing the rule ‘dogs must be under control’ which is already in place

*Providing more education and support to the public about what owning a pet actually entails and how they can access training and services to support

them.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#936**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Our dog walker Kimmy has all dogs under control when she walks and we want to support her being able to keep her business open. We really value her and the care she takes for all the dogs. All of them are on leash and in control at all times so by limiting the dogs to 6 it will only impact her income. I support all dogs being under control but maybe you could seperate the rule for registered dog walkers so they have an exception. Thank you

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#985**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I agree that it would be too difficult to manage more than 6 dogs at any time.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As not everyone has the capacity to train dogs, it would be best to ensure that the menacing ones are not able to continue breeding.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

As someone with dogs, I would love to have more places in which I could bring my dogs with me, but I also believe there should repsonsible ways of doing so.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I like how detailed the wording is now. Leaves no chance for error

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I understand why now dogs are not permitted during summer at peak times.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Wenderholm Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Picnic and beach areas

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Allowing dogs to join owners during walks and picnics always on a leash.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

I believe well-trained, on-leash dogs would do no harm to others, including native species and calving. Maybe as an initiative, dogs need to start getting certified on basic obedience and behaviour before being taken into parks, reserves, and beaches. Tha

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1121**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I believe the dog handler can justify and decide what they are capable to do. Doesn't need the law to restrict it.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1232**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Limiting the number of dogs limits operators who do multiple dog pack dates - on farms and reserves. Dogs benefit from pack adventures, and this would end those adventures simply by limiting the number of dogs who can participate.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1268**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Registered dog walker businesses would need more dogs to walk to make their business viable - more regulation and control of who can have a dog walk business proof of business who employs people who have completed animal management courses - think the issue is not numbers but control and ‘cowboys’ operating these businesses- regulate and register so there is accountability ~ socialisation is important for dogs , pack walks help enormously in ensuring this happens with a trusted and experienced dog handler. Personally I have a large dog, with him mixing, exercising, socialising off and on lead with a pack of about 12 -15 (two dog handlers) has helped him with walks in my neighbourhood- he is well socialised as he has encountered all types of dogs on his adventures - if he didn’t have this experiences I feel it would be much harder and less socialised if he just walked on lead on the street where we live. My dogs pack walker has trained him to walk respectively not dragging me down the street he is now a controlled walker and has respect and responds to those walking him. This is because my dogs pack walker walker has trained him and trusts him off lead when she goes on adventures with him. In conclusion I support registered dog walk businesses to have regulations and accreditation but not to limit number of dogs they walk off and on lead.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1306**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I support this, mainly due to the recent news about attacks on pedestrians by dogs in the presence of the owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1366**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dog walking businesses with multiple dogs on or off leash are not the problem

Individuals with usually 2 or less dogs are not controlling their dogs on or off leash.

No patrolling of Milford Beach is done

Public dog owners constantly breach the rules

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1384**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Dogs can responsibly be walked as a pack by professional pack walkers as this provides an important service to many Auckland residents who are responsible dog owners. The proposed limits on pack walking will make the service unaffordable and pack walkers will lose their livelihood.

I do however think pack walkers should be regulated as a professional service to avoid issues with the general public.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1386**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1396**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

Not safe to have so many dogs wit one person in public places - they cannot watch them all adequately particularly if some are off lead.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

As long as dogs are under control on lead there is no reason to keep them off the beach during the day

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

No reason that dogs under control o a lead should not be allowed on the beach during the day

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Castor Bay Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire location**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

No reason that dogs under control o a lead should not be allowed on the beach during the day

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1432**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There is no explanation as to the problem the Council is seeking to fix. I can only presume that the Council is concerned that dog walkers are not in control of multiple dogs. If that assumption is correct, there may be other ways to address this problem e.g. licence dog walkers, require them to demonstrate their abilities, etc. It would be3 helpful to have explained why a change is required.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1452**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

In my opinion it is possible to control more than 2 dogs both on and off leash. Especially if they are not fully trained to respond to owners commands

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In my opinion menacing dogs should also be muzzeled when out in public.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland city Mountains are a well well used and tradition source of area for public dog walking. They should not be restricted in any way for the public to walk their dog.

The Munga are also European ancestral mountains and any decisions made re access should be made in conjunction with the local communities and ALL New Zealanders.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

No need to change.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1522**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

I have learned that 0.7% of dog incidents were incurred by dog walkers. Having your dog rangers monitoring these walkers diverts them from 99.3% of the potential incidents.

Best to licence professional dog walkers. Cheaper for the Council and allows the service to continue for people who need the service.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1536**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1558**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

If the dogs are trained and controlled 6 should be allowed off leash.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You cannot class a dog as menacing due to there breed. It needs to be based on ever individual dog and a breading license should be obtained for people who want to leave dogs not neautered. Then un neautered dogs ate registers and can be monitored.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

The dog should need atleast 3 opinions from a behaviourist.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1619**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

there should be an allowance for the profession dog walkers to manage their dogs and be able to make a income from this. This people must be a registered company paying Income Tax and registered with the council, proof of invoicing clients . ( they can be removed from the council register if found not to be in control of their dogs)

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1620**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

we do not need more rules or bylaws that are enforceable, you simply cannot manage local current laws how do you propose to manage more, put our rates and taxes up more?

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

there is no evident to say neutering a dog will stop menacing behaviour but if you feel there is some worth in doing, then knock yourself out, who will pay for this?

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

maybe look to limit number of dogs in rural areas verses urban, say in urban no more than 4 and in rurual say no more that 8?  But all working dogs should be registered, why DO YOU NOT make farmers register working dogs how dumb are you!

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Why are you picking on Auckland, Auckland Council surely has better things to do, why not provide free dog training courses in regional parks that are funded, why not teach children how to interact with dogs better to stop dog bites and attacks and heaps of wasted money on ACC claims, why do you remove poo rubbish bins from known dog parks, ********** happens what are we to do with this.  Simply have more dog trainers, wardens patrolling beaches and stop stupid people brining their cats to the beach in cages, and off lease owners allowing their dogs to menace other dogs, this is really the reason, our beaches belong to all, and the love and companionship we get from our fourlegged friends is huge, stop wasting time and money on stupid ideas, simple enforce the rules you already have instead of trying to make up new ones!

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

its a huge park and one where you can spend the day safely with your pet controlled, if we are looking to make this rule, maybe you need to say, no samoan or tonga busloads of visitors are to come in or no more than 10 people may pinic together, if you dog is under control and well behaved and on lease when appropriate, leave it has it is!  Stop trying to police us

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

its also about safety of the lambs and the farms, so good move

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**If you want us to pick up after our dogs supply rubbish bins, stop removing them as humans drop their own rubbish and us responsible dog owners want to pick up our poo but you make it difficult to dispose of it, if you want to keep NZ green, clean and beautiful, use your brain and do not cut costs by removing rubbish bins and mowing verges and parks, its a short sighted, narrow management style that destroys it for all, simply enforce rules rather than changing them. Grow a pair of balls!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1687**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I frequently use a professional dog walker that will take my dog with a group of other dogs out for walks. Having a large group of dogs and being able to run around off leash (in off leash parks) with these other dogs is incredibly beneficial to his socialisation as a young puppy and is essential for improving his training: Setting a limit to just 3 dogs off leash at a time and 6 dogs on leash means my dog and many others will no longer have these socialisation opportunities and freedom to properly exercise. I believe that if there are significant issues in having too many dogs uncontrolled due to having too many dogs together at one time, that is up to individual walkers responsibility and it can be addressed case by case when issues occur. Setting limits that in turn will limit and disadvantage many that have great control still over large groups of dogs and are responsible in what they are doing is not fair or appropriate in managing the problem, This proposal will create issues in crucial socialisation opportunities and training in dogs and will disadvantage those that do this for a living/could result in lost job opportunities.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This just further limitates spaces that dog owners can exercise their dog. There are already limited places in Auckland particularly beaches that are appropriate for walking dogs. In summer it is incredibly difficult to find places to bring your dog and not allowing them to go to the beach during the hottest season and time of day seems unfair as this is the time ideally dogs would be able to access the beach and swim/cool down. It is also the time of day where most adults should  be working so it doesn't make sense to not allow dogs during these hours but allow them when most finish work and would be free to use the beach at 5

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Again reducing areas available to exercise dogs when there already are not many great options. Limiting spaces where dogs can be freely exercise will not resolve issues but create more as creating barriers for owners to exercise will increase the likeliho

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Need more off leash exercise areas on beaches during the summer time hours when dogs are overheating and usually unable to access the beach until after 5pm. The off leash dog beaches currently available have been dumped on nudist beaches that are uncomfor

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Need more off leash exercise areas on beaches during the summer time hours when dogs are overheating and usually unable to access the beach until after 5pm. The off leash dog beaches currently available have been dumped on nudist beaches that are uncomfor

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1691**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The key to this is the dogs have to be under control. Professional dog trainers/walkers should therefore not have to be constrained like this

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1737**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

If the dogs are under control why are they a nuisance.

I think the council should focus on important council business such as roading and infrastructure, and not waste its time telling people how to manage their pets.

If there is no regulation that outlines that people are responsible for nuisance, damage and injury caused by their pets then put one in place and be done with it.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1758**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dogs for a pack and especially so in large numbers. The person in control would have difficulty keeping multiple dogs under control

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All areas should require licensing

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Handy to be clear on rules regarding dog access

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Should not be as constrained

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
A dog on a leash will not pose a threat to seabirds

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1807**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be leashed but allowed

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

On leash 10-5 should be allowed . It causes no issues

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1852**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many dog walkers having large packs of dogs that is not healtht for the dogs

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

My dogs are neutered and are classified due to breed. Breed specific legislation is ********** - its down to owner management and training.

I walk.both my dogs and its little dogs that are barking and lunging at mine that makes those owners look dumb

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It should be a few people that make comment - vet, trained dog behaviourist

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

The sections of properties are getting smaller which means it is harder to have big dogs. Should stop wrecking Auckland with these type of builds and push the immigrants that dont respect NZ culture back to there homelands

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Needs higher monitoring though - animal officers out checking that dogs are on leads and owners are.picking up poo.

Maybe checks on those responsible dog owner licences.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1862**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Dogs being exercised by expert dog trainers, under control and well behaved (Dog Squad and Kim's K9s being two examples) pose no risk to anybody.

Try rounding up the unregistered and aggressive dogs that are roaming our streets in South Auckland instead if changing the legislation to undermine the great service to dogs and their responsible owners that these businesses provide.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1880**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1885**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The key is the dogs should be under control. Our professional dog walker and her colleagues do this. There will always be irresponsible owners and walkers, penalise them first regardless of the number of dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1931**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Waste of tax payer money to change the rules. The rule-breakers will continue to break the rules, and Council does not have enough people to enforce even the current rules as it is.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1954**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Most people walking more than 6 dogs at once are professional dog trainers that know what they are doing and have the dogs under control. Our dogs have so much fun on their pack walks and I think it is unfair to take this away from them.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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!

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

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**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

You allow some rich white people to cut down all the trees at Forestry Beach for a golf course but won't allow dogs, how backwards!! 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.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

anchor bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

There are hardly any 24hr dog beaches, lets make this small section of Tawharanui a dog beach, people that don't like dogs can go to the main beach.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

dogs under control off lead at all times

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

orewa beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Hibiscus and Bays

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:There are hardly any 24hr dog beaches, lets make this small section of orewa a dog beach, people that don't like dogs can go to the rest of the beach

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:Why do humans get access to so much of the beach when they are the ones leaving rubbish cigarette butts etc behind..**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Because our dogs should have more beaches available during summer to exercise at, yet they are kept off the beach during the time of day when the pavement is the hottest so they can't really be walked. its unfair

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forrestry beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

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To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

There are hardly any 24hr dog beaches, lets make this small section a dog beach, people that don't like dogs can go to the other part.

Because our dogs should have more beaches available during summer to exercise at, yet they are kept off the beach durin**Stop being such dog haters and start cracking down on just the people with problem dogs, not the rest of us responsible dog owners that stick to the rules. Humans are the ones responsible for all the litter, cigarette butts etc left behind at our regional parks/ beaches - use your time/ money/ resources cracking down on this kind of behaviour! There are hardly any dog beaches in Auckland, we need more. Our dogs should have more beaches available during summer to exercise at, yet they are kept off the beach during the time of day when the pavement is the hottest so they can't really be walked, it's so unfair.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1985**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Any more than this and they're not really under control

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Allows dog owners to enjoy the park but also accounts for other users who wish to enjoy it without dogs present

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Current rules better allows dog owners to enjoy the park but also accounts for other users who wish to enjoy it without dogs present. Would support less dig access not more.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1986**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Owners that use dog walkers are the responsible owners who want to make sure their dogs have enough exercise. They check dog walkers and trust them. Walks with multiple dogs is a great way for dogs to socialise. Those dogs are well socialised and come from responsible households, so walks with multiple dogs in NOT an issue. Dogs roaming streets in south and west Auckland are the issue.

Please don’t change the rules and give our well behaved dogs being walked with their dog friends while owners are at work.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

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I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2010**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This would restrict pack walking which provides significant benefits for dogs. Pack walkers typically avoid busy areas so there is little risk to others if pack walkers continue with a group of dogs including any amount off lead. The restriction is over-zealous and would create additonal costs for dog owners (i.e. costs would increase to dog owners if pack walkers had to reduce the number they could have).

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2027**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

Licensed Dog Owners:

Owners who demonstrate responsible dog ownership through a licensing system should have the right to walk more dogs simultaneously.

Licensing criteria could include:

Proof of training in handling multiple dogs.

Evidence of well-behaved and socialized dogs.

General Public Guidelines:

For unlicensed individuals, a maximum of four dogs may be walked at once.

No more than two dogs should be off-leash in designated off-leash areas to ensure safety and prevent disturbances.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2046**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I do Tai Chi with other older people at Fort Takapuna. Our classes have been interrupted by private and commercial dog walkers letting their dogs run through the class risking a fall for any of us.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2051**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

In my experience as a dog owner using dog walkers and encountering dog walkers in public places the companies that walk dogs are careful and responsible with the dogs. I have never had any problem experiences with dog walkers in my 30 years of dog ownership - but have had plenty with individual dog owners and their dogs. Our dog walkers have been knowledgeable and helped us immensely with our dogs training and happiness. Limiting dog numbers will put these services above the financial reach of most dog owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2085**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Difficult to monitor more than three off leash dogs and know that they are safe and other wildlife is safe and young children are safe especially children who are scared of dogs. Separating dogs when they are agressive can be dangerous - lower numbers are better.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2107**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

Pack walking in our public spaces is so good for a dogs wellbeing. The way that dogs naturally walk and run and play is in packs. I find most dogs are actually better behaved on walks when they're in a well run pack, off leash. Pack walks are run my professionals who know how to manage them. The more of this type of walking the better for dogs wellbeing, and when dogs are looked after well they don't cause issues. If they're well walked and socialised they are much less likely to cause issues.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

You haven't clearly stated what you want to change, so how can we give feedback? You haven't said what you want to write so how can we comment on it?

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You haven't clearly stated who you're referring to so how can we comment?

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You haven't clarified which areas you're talking about so how can we comment?

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

More information is needed, and it must be clear. Your current information, and the wording of this document is waffly, and unclear, with much of what you've written having no clear meaning.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You must clarify what you want to clarify before asking us if we want you to clarify it!

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Please explain which errors you're referring to?

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You have not explained what you mean by this? Which landmarks? Why?

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What do you mean by update? Update in what way?

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What information is outdated?

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

This document is extremely unclear. Whoever has written it needs to do some training in clear communication.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Forestry is the best place to run dogs in our region. It's often empty and provides an important part of my families wellbeing to walk our dog in this place.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Keep the rules as they are, they are currently clear and simple, the same rules for almost every area and it needs to stay that way to avoid confusion and to make access fair for everyone.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2117**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs participate in a pack walk with the number of dogs varying. The dogs are under control and we are not aware of any issues caused by the number of dogs. Mandating the number seems arbitrary and uncertain of what the concerns are to instigate this need for a change.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2121**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

This will have a hugely negative impact on the dog walking industry as the actual trained professionals that are providing huge amounts of help and training to dogs, will no longer be able to do there job properly. Whilst the cowboys that can't control there dogs and aren't sufficiently training dogs will still be able to carry on which solves no problem. I think licensing should become a standard and all dog walkers/trainers must have a license to show they are a professional and qualified to walk larger groups. I also think the 'dogs under control' policy that already exists should be enforced more. Provide education and support to go public and how they can access adequate training from professionals.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please work alongside PDWA who are trained professionals to find a solution that helps the council and helps the dog walking industry

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2173**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

This does not specify how big the dogs are allowed to be. There is a big difference between dog sizes and whether or not owners or dog sitters, etc. could control them if they react to other dogs or certain situations. I have trouble hanging onto one large dog on occasion and she has pulled my husband over.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Yes, other animals need to be protected so keep dogs away. There are plenty of other places for people to take their dogs.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2186**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Three dogs off a Leash is heaps.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

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**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2322**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

A person who's walking more then two dogs must have them on leads and no more then four on lead at a time. This is to ensure they can control them. More then two dogs off lead can not be reliably controlled.  Those woalking the maximum amount of dogs should not be able to have dogs known to be aggressive ( pitbulls/ Rottweilers, staffies ) included as again they can't be reliably controlled when the walker is also responsible for other dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Don't waste money unnecessarily a clear sign is enough.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

. Rather list the dogs included so it's clear to owners and no confusion. If an owner seeks clarification on who made the rule they can contact the council

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dogs prior to 10 and after 5 should only be allowed on leash's and at no time should be allowed off leash. There are a huge number of people who have their dogs of leash and don't appear to be in control. This is more often seen with big dogs. As this is a busy area in summer children/ elderly/ pregnant women amoungest others should be free to use the park without the intimidation and interference of dogs. Eg Many are having picnics and off leash dogs come sniffing around or small children should be free to play without the worry of dogs approaching / attacking them. If the owner wishes to walk their dog off leash during summer there are plenty of other areas

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Takapuna beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

This is a highly popular beach and there is an often dogs off lead approaching others. There's seems to be an increasing number of undomesticated dogs.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

There should be dog free beaches in summer because the reality is Al or of people don't follow the rules and there are dogs off lead all day and I'm sick of having my young children intimidated by certain breeds of dogs

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2419**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I walk my dog every day and never have i seen this supposed 'emerging trend' of multiple dogs being walked by a single individual. If this proposed change is in relation to 'dog-walking/sitting/day care' services where there are multiple dogs due to be under the control of a single individual, then the change should be for business situations rather than just being a blanket rule to affect all of the public. i have come instances where families have a large number of dogs and if they were to take all of the dogs to a public space with your proposed change, there would be an inequality of enjoyment between dogs both on and off-leash. this is incorrect.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Restrictions on dog-friendly places are not wanted. the existing rules should continue.

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

restrictions on dog access areas are not wanted. keep the existing rules

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**given that dogs have access to parks, suitable facilities such as water and bins should be provided.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2461**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Better understanding and responsibility for dog walkers and owners

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Happy to have this being made clear as a current dog owner

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Protection of Tūpuna Maunga is very important and I am happy that this is being addressed

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I would like to see neuter rules introduced for all dogs especially as we have seen so many unwanted litters coming through rescues and spca centres in Auckland. This needs to be addressed and responsibility and accountability made clear to dog owners at registration of a dog in the council

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Set clear followable rules is very helpful but prohibiting dog access to cafe area completely prevents dog owners from enjoying cafe facilities. Rather a dogs on leash or particular part of the cafe facility being only for those with dogs may be more appropriate

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Clear signage needs to be put in place along with maps outline these changes as soon as possible for dog owners

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

More detailed rules are easier to follow and appreciated as a dog owner that frequents Muriwai

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Further clarification on areas on leash, off leash and prohibited is appreciated along with maps in conjunction with written rules at beaches, parks, etc. is the best way to ensure as a dog owner I understand and can follow the rules**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2513**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2536**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Often run at by dogs while walking on Takapuna beach, been hit by dogs and often worried when taking grand children for walks there and at playgrounds — mostly off lead dogs but sometimes dogs on leads.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rules should be clear and big signage. Dogs should be on a lead on beaches — particularly dangerous when owners throw balls and large doge charge off after it.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Dog numbers have increased greatly since Covid and are seen in public and private spaces(shops etc) far more. Particularly on beaches, playgrounds and roadways dogs should always be on lead.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2550**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Maximising the limit of dogs doesn't solve the problem of having dogs under control. I've seen dog walkers with packs of 12 with total full control of all 12 dogs yet seen dog owners with one dog that they can't control at all

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2626**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are many professional dog walkers in Auckland who are able to safely manage many more dogs without issue. 12-15 dogs per handler is common. Limiting the number of dogs they can walk will make their service unaffordable for me, meaning my dogs will need to stay at home while I work. This will mean bored, unsocialised dogs which could cause probelms with barking, escaping and anti social behaviour, due to the loss of 'pack walks'

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

The dogs in the attached photo are wolked by professional dog walkers. They are all well exercised, socialised and obviously under control. How else could there be 54 dogs sitting together?

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2775**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I believe the professional dog walking companies are doing a great job.  The problems stem from a small number of dog owners who either do not care or are not responsible for their dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2805**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2826**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Providing the dogs are under control, I don't believe it matters. I haven't seen any issue with dog walkers personally and then ones I have seen, have their packs under control.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2845**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The proposals are far too lenient.  Dog owners struggle to maintain control of 1-2 dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The proposed changes are very limited in scope. The balance remains focussed in favour the dog owners lobby groups. Very unbalanced in both scope and depth. It will not address the majority of issues surrounding dog ownership.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Dog access rules are routinely ignored by dog owners on the basis they are “unclear”. These changes are minor, and only apply to very limited areas, they will continue to be flouted. The rules need to be very clear to remove this excuse eg more areas where dogs are simply not permitted. Followed by strict enforcement.  The rules are not unclear they are being deliberately ignored.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The rules do not go far enough.  Far too weak to address public concerns. There needs to be very strict clear rules backed up by enforcement.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

The changes will do very little to address the growing need for increased dog control in Auckland. There is ample data on the increasing public concerns over safety, nuisance and noise control. These are not being addressed.  Serious Attacks are increasing, acc claims are increasing, dog related complaints are increasing but prosecutions of the “responsible” dog owners are decreasing. The changes do not go anywhere near far enough.

Please objectively review the data, include a review of how similar beach side cities like Sydney manage dog control (far stricter), remove the emotive pleas of dog owners, increase the scope and actually take meaningful action.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Current rules are routinely ignored by dog owners

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

High use public city beach.  current dog access rules are simply ignored by dog owners due to a lack of enforcement. Unsafe for children using beach.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Takapuna beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationOwners routinely ignore current rules**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Takapuna is a high demand urban beach all year round.  Dog owners routinely ignore the current rules.  Main issue is public safety especially for children.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Castor bay beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

Castor bay beach is very small, with an adjacent children's play area, popular with families but in high demand all year.  Even a few dogs on this small beach will prevent the other users quiet enjoyment, The current rules are ignored by dog owners. Full**Full prohibition of dogs at regional parks is needed for both wildlife and human protection. Restrict dogs to dedicated dog friendly parks only.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2886**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Doesn't gogar enough to protect nature.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Reject the proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy because they don't make sufficient efforts to protect nature from the impacts of dogs

The Auckland-wide dog rules should require that dogs be prohibited from all Kauri Forest area to prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback

The Auckland-wide dog rules should require that dogs must be on lead and under control in all natural forest, riparian, and estuarine areas unless specific provision is made to permit them.

Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2911**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It boarders on impossible to handle a larger no of dogs especially when a dog reacts to something in their close proximity

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2944**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Putting limits on the amount of dogs one person can walk at any one time hugely limits the dog walking industry.

As a customer of that industry and also being disabled; pack walks is a huge help to ensuring my dog is trained and excercised and socialised in a safe and controlled enviroment.

Limiting the number of dogs will practically kill this industry as limited spaces will drive pricing up making it unaffordable for most.

I think that regulations in this industry is good however it should focus on the handlers potentially being licensed.

there are many dog walkers, some have no training/studied in animal behaviour, these are the people that make pack walks etc dangerous as they lack the skills and knowledge to keep control of a pack.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3111**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

My dog has been walked with a place called Pet Adventures for most of his 5 years of life. He had to do a weekend induction course to be accepted and find the correct pack to fit with. They are extremely qualified and extremely professional and I do not feel the proposal allows for such people. They should be able to apply to meet some form of certification that allows them to operate. I have seen many dogs on a one to one ratio (one dog one owner) who are far less controlled than the packs that walk with Caleb and Melissa's team.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3143**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This potential change has several negative implications:

Reduced exercise and socialisation:  Dogs on leads have less opportunity to run and play, limiting their exercise and social interaction.

Increased stress and frustration:  Being restricted by a lead can lead to increased stress and frustration for some dogs.

Difficulty managing multiple dogs on lead:  Handling multiple dogs on lead while others are off lead can be dangerous and unsafe.

Increased cost:  Auckland's Dog Owners will have to pay more to have their dog walked by a Professional Dog Walker.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3149**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Maximum Two dogs only until dog owners begin to follow existing dog rules or more animal management staff are available to monitor owner behavior.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Simplify signage, make it larger and enforce it.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Existing Dogs on leash rules are totally ignored and are not monitored

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To protect people and wildlife.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs on leash rule will not be followed. Dogs will enter Regional Park from Tungutu lookout track. Dogs are already running off leash in Mitre Bay during prohibited hours.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Long overdue proposal to protect endangered wildlife (Fairy Tern) and other rare birds. Also, people enjoying this area.

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
To protect endangered wildlife and their habitats. Enforcement should be encouraged particularly during the breeding season. August to March.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Too complicated to enforce. Keep it simple with clear signage.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**On frequent visits to regional parks over a period of years we often see people attempting to bring their dogs into dog prohibited areas. and flaunt dogs on leash rules.**

**More checks and enforcement should be funded.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3349**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I cannot support the council's new bylaws limiting the number of dogs that can be walked at once. While I understand the need to ensure safety and harmony in our community, these restrictions miss the mark. They focus too much on the number of dogs and not enough on the true issue: the skills, qualifications, and responsibilities of the owners and handlers who have no control.

As our population grows, so does pet ownership. This brings unique challenges, as caring for a dog requires time, effort, and understanding of their needs. Professional dog walkers play a pivotal role in meeting these demands, offering not just convenience but also invaluable expertise. My dog walker, for example, has been instrumental in helping my dog become well-rounded, socialized, and well-behaved.

Walking with a pack of more than six dogs has been an essential part of my dog’s learning process. It provides her with opportunities to socialize, practice good behaviour, and interact with humans and other dogs under controlled conditions. This, combined with the work I do at home, has fostered a dog who thrives in various situations.

Modern behavioural science has taught us a great deal about dogs and their needs. As responsible pet owners, we are learning that it is not just about managing the dog but also about educating ourselves on how to better support them. Limiting the number of dogs in a pack may seem like a simple solution, but it ignores the root cause. We need a practical, evidence-based approach that includes consultation with industry experts, such as the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA), to create effective solutions.

Rather than imposing arbitrary limits on numbers, I urge the council to focus on training, certification, and accountability for professional dog walkers. This would address the root of the problem—ensuring that those who handle dogs in our community are equipped to do so safely and responsibly.

Let’s shift the conversation from numbers to participation, and well-informed, so we can better support the well-being of our dogs, their handlers, and our community.

'Hi,

I wasn't able to review my submission and make changes.

Here are some further thoughts that I would like to share with you.

I have been to many other cities where humans and dogs co-exist and share space in both public and private spaces. I think this is important in being a truly livable city and we should seriously consider how we build this together as dog populations grow with the human population.

The Auckland City Council's proposed dog-walking regulations should focus on real solutions that improve dog relations in our urban environment, rather than imposing arbitrary limits that penalize responsible owners and professional handlers. If the goal is to ensure public safety while maintaining the well-being of dogs, a more balanced approach is needed—one that recognizes the role of education, professional standards, and responsible ownership.

1. Licensing Professional Dog Walkers for Larger Groups

Not all dog walkers are the same. Professionals who have the knowledge and skills to manage multiple dogs should be licensed to walk larger groups.

Licensing can include training on pack behaviour, safety protocols, and emergency handling, ensuring only qualified individuals manage bigger groups.

Different Limits for Public vs. Professional Dog Walkers

Everyday dog owners and professional handlers have different levels of experience and expertise.

While casual dog owners may be best suited to walking fewer dogs, trained professionals should have the ability to walk more, provided they meet licensing and safety requirements.

2. A Licensing System for Anyone Walking More Than Two Dogs

Requiring a license for individuals walking more than two dogs would ensure that those handling multiple dogs understand basic control techniques and safety measures.

This creates a fair system where those who want to manage multiple dogs are encouraged to develop the necessary skills.

3. Adapting Dog-Walking Limits Based on Population Density

Different areas have different needs—high-density urban spaces require different regulations than open parks or rural areas.

Instead of a blanket restriction, a scalable approach based on location would make better sense for balancing community needs.

4. Enforcing the 'Dogs Must Be Under Control' Rule

Auckland already has a rule stating that all dogs must be under control, regardless of the number. Enforcing this properly would address concerns about unruly dogs without punishing responsible handlers.

If a person can safely manage five well-trained dogs, that should be acceptable—conversely, if someone struggles to control even one dog, that should be addressed.

5. More Public Education & Support for Responsible Dog Ownership

Many issues arise from a lack of understanding of dog behaviour and proper handling techniques.

The council should invest in community education, including:

Accessible training sessions for new owners.

Public awareness campaigns on responsible ownership.

Guidance on how to access professional services like trainers and walkers.

Rather than restricting numbers outright, Auckland needs a policy that acknowledges the complexity of managing dogs in an urban world. By licensing professionals, setting realistic limits based on environment and experience, enforcing existing rules, and investing in education, we can create a system that works for everyone—humans and dogs alike.

A well-managed city does not limit responsible owners but one that supports them in ensuring safe, well-adjusted, and happy dogs. Let's focus on practical, evidence-based solutions that truly address the concerns at hand.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3387**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**Tell us why**

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**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

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**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3389**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

I don't know

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Some of the reginal parks have sensitively areas like endangered species. A blanket rule it is easier for everyone.

Beaches – no dogs. Reason – endangered shorebirds breed there e.g. Muriwai Beach (and there are a lot more places). Dogs on beaches cause

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 2:**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3469**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Any one keeping more than one dog on a property should have to have a permit.

Sections are becoming smaller if at all in and around the Auckland Area.

Too many people do not have the space let alone time to care for more than one dog.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There are next to no "dog free" parks or beaches in the Auckland Area.

Some spaces should be set aside for those that do not want to have dogs approaching them. Highly popular beaches like Takapuna and Mission Bay need to be 24 hr Dog Free. There are plenty of nearby beaches that they can take their dogs to (Dog Beach - St Leonards Road is off lead and right by Takapuna)

Too many incidents have happened where people enjoying the spaces Auckland has to offer - especially beaches, and a dog has bowled them - (or attacked their dog while right by them)

The time frame for the summer months allows dogs on beaches too early as families are still there enjoying the summer time - often having picnics and the like that should not be disturbed by an out of control dog.

Too many owners do not understand what voice control and allow their dogs to run well past where they can control them.  Too many are not watching their dogs meaning they do not clean up after them.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

As Above:

There are next to no "dog free" parks or beaches in the Auckland Area.

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Too many incidents have happened where people enjoying the spaces Auckland has to offer - especially beaches, and a dog has bowled them - (or attacked their dog while right by them)

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Inner City / Suburban Areas are not included in this proposal. Why Not?

There are a lot of dogs within the city and therefore more issues are at these spaces and beaches.

Time we had DOG FREE areas in all local council / borough areas.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**#3579**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The proposed limit of six dogs (with a maximum of three off-leash) fails to address the real
issues affecting the dog community, such as owners/walkers with no control over their dogs,
and roaming dogs. Instead, it penalizes professional dog walkers who already responsibly handle multiple dogs.

Professional dog walkers play a critical role in ensuring dogs are exercised, socialized, and trained, reducing behavioural issues that might otherwise lead to complaints. Arbitrary number limits overlook the skills and training required to walk multiple dogs safely and responsibly. We need a practical, evidence-based approach that includes consultation with
industry experts, such as the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA), to create effective solutions.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3590**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Menacing dogs should not be allowed to reproduce.  Also, their behaviour can be less menacing if they have been neutered.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Even on our local beach on the North Shore, with all the signs at every beach access there are still lots of people who either ignore the rules, or, if I approach them claim they did not know. The Summer and Winter dog rules can be a bit misleading for those who dont read properly!

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, it should be very clear, at the parks etc. and also on the websites whether dogs are allowed or not.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

of course if there are any errors in the policy they need to be rectified.

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3643**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

All dogs off leash have to be able to be trained to respond to basic commands.

One individual have the capacity to only be able to care for only 3 dogs, off leash should be trained to respond to basic commands.

Any dog that doesn't respond to basic commands should not be allowed to be able to walk on public grounds without a leash.

I don't agree that one individual would be able to care for 6 dogs at the same time off leash.

Should be maximum 3 dogs off leash per carer.

A dog that it's reactive should not be able to walk on public grounds off leash. As it may attack other dogs that approach to them. As well as children.

Should be mandatory to educate dogs owners to have the awareness to ask the owner of the dog before approaching, to make sure the dog it's not reactive or if the dog likes to be approached.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It should be analyzed case by case. What's the history of the dog in question, the breed of the dog, the situation that happened, how it happened. Analyze the case form the point of view of the animal and the point of view of the dog.

Owners should be checked before getting a dog aswell to make sure if it’s suitable to care for the animal. Not every breed of dog if for everyone. Some breed are very hard to maintain and educate. Some breed should be only be with an owner that it’s hable to pay for professional training.

There are difference.

Possible owners should be educated before purchasing or adopting a harder temperament breeds.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Only certified dog trainers or behavioural professionals. Could be aswell someone that did studies based on animal care with specialization on companion animals that one of their subject studies is Dog Behaviour.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

I leave to the descendants to make opinions about this topic.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3671**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3688**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Because you don’t have the right to control how many dogs I chose to own

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The is no need to update these laws as it is not a issue that is effecting people in a hugely negative way

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Well trained dogs should be allowed to enjoy the parks the same way humans are.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

Because your creating a problem where one doesn't already exist

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Because

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

AND

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**
AND

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
AND

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
AND

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
AND

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
AND

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3708**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I support this entirely.  Menacing dogs must be neutered, having encountered viscious dogs in our local parks.  There must also be an online platform where we can lodge a complaint against a dog owner for menacing dogs and/or off leash dogs not under control and threatening our well being.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3727**

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

This change will negatively affect professional dog walkers and this provides services for my dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3744**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

It is all good making these rules and not policing them. I walk my dog on Takapuna beach and i leave on the correct time. As a dog owner it is fustrating to see dogs on the beach outside these hours and owners dont care and noone to police or educate these people.

Please remove old signs and make the new signs clear about timings

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3762**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

Some dogs are small and are easier to handle others are large and well behaved. Hard to put a limit on this. If you reduce dog walking pack size, costs of dog walking will increase too

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Making things more easy to read and understand is always good

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Who defines menacing. That is so judgemental. A friend of mine is terrified of dogs and would class harmless dogs as menacing. It is none of the councils business if a dog should be neutered or not

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

No one should be able to define this. It is too subjective. Dogs protect their families and that is what they have been bred for over time

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You should be able to keep dogs where you want and how ever many you want as long as they have enough space and care

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

This questions is confusing and too ambiguous

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

What is to be clarified? Confusing question

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Do not understand this question. Not enough context

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Leave dog owners alone and be more like europe where dogs are allowed almost anywhere

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Allow dogs on leash during the day. That is not fair to prohibit them. People live near these places to be able to use them. People with dogs should not be discriminated against.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Let the dogs be on the beach

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Let the dogs be there

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Allow them on the beach

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Allow dogs off leash

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Cheltenham beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To allow people to take their dogs to the beach at all hours off leash

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

We want to enjoy the beach with our kids and dogs

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3800**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I support the current rules at Long Bay, where dogs are allowed on the beach in the summer during 10am - 5pm, as long as they are under control on a leash. This is a very valuable area to have to walk our dogs on the beach in summer, and it would be a shame to lose it. They won't be bothering swimmers or other beach goers as long as they are on leash, so I don't see a reason to prohibit them.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Let dogs have more places to go in the summer where they can swim

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Milford beach is a great place to have your dogs in the summer, as they can swim in the water when it’s hot. If we could change the rules to have them allowed on the beach in summer during the hours of 10am - 5pm, if on control on leash, it would be very

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Centennial Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationIt would be nice for this to be an off-leash space**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

The forested area is large and there is many paths, but not many people bring their dogs through. It's very quiet and would be a good place to have your shy dog that doesn't necessarily want to play with other dogs be off leash.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Kennedy Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leashAreas south of the playground

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Let dogs be able to run around in the area

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

This is a good open space that doesn't get very busy. I think if the rules are changed to allow dogs to be under control off leash in areas away from the playground, it would be great.**Dog access to Regional Parks and beaches should not become more limited. These are the best places to exercise your dogs, and without them we would have much fewer options. I have a high energy dog, and if I can't take him to regional parks or beaches, it will be really hard to exercise him as walking around the streets with him is just not enough. I would be very upset if he lost these opportunities.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3846**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers are able to control and manage more dogs than the proposed limit.  Each professional dog walking organization should be assessed and provided a license and graded against a different dog limit.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3880**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Three dogs is enough for one person to handle off leash.

This will provide a safe environment for both the dog owner and other dog owners in controlling dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Dogs that are classified as menancing dogs can often be the victim of another dog attacking them.  This is due to them retaliating to an attack.  Because the attacked dog may be of a certain breed and retaliated it is classified as the menacing dog not the dog who initially attacked.  This is wrong.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Ensuring the right dog is classified as menacing.

It should be the dog that initially attacked not the dog that retaliated.  Dogs should not be judged on their breed or size.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**No.  Would like honesty of local dog rangers to be adhered to**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3897**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There is very little off leash space in Mangawhai/Te Arai for large dogs to have a good run due to kiwi and other birds coming back to areas (mostly bush walks). We took our dog to Foresty for years to give him good exercise where he could run along the beach without being on a leash. We have never seen dotterals close to the carpark when taking our dog for a walk. The dogs we do see on the beach are under control and close to their owners. The quarry area that is proposed for where you can take dogs off leash, is too small an area for large dogs. Keep the beaches as they are. If there are dotterals nesting along the coast, perhaps put signage up as to where they are so dog owners can put their dogs on a leash nearer the nesting areas. It is a large space from Te Arai to Pakiri. Te Arai beach is a no go zone for dogs and is a much popular beach so leave the Forestry beach for families to enjoy with their pets. I think Council's are better spending their money trying to control the increasing issue of wild dogs roaming free, who are causing more damage and spread of diseases such as Kauri Die Back, than not letting dogs and their families enjoy one less space they can have fun.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**I understand we do need to protect wildlife, but we need to balance this with the fact that people want their dogs to have good exercise, ie run free. A large dog to walk on a leash is a trot and they don't get to stretch their legs if on a leash at all times, as well as younger dogs with energy need to run that off. Beaches are popular because they are seen as a fairly "contained" areas and for those breeds that love water, one of their only opportunities to swim.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3912**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I have been running a dog walking business for the last two years. On each of my walks, I have my own dog and usually three other dogs (no more than four others, ie: a maximum of five dogs at a time). All dogs are off leash at our walk location, they are under control and have good recall. I have no issue with six dogs being the maximum number to be walked at one time but ask that the proposed changes allow for four dogs to be permitted off lead instead of the currently proposed three dogs. I believe that this would still ensure healthy happy dogs and a safe environment for the public and other dog's and their owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3919**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I do not agree with people having 3 uncontrolled dogs - one is challenging enough

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In Devonport the current laws are ignored by dog owners. It is time the rest of us were safe from all the free roaming dogs in the area.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In Devonport and Takapuna the current rules are ignored. Non-dog owners are menaced by aggressive dog owners.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

It is high time you enforced the current rules.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Non-dog owners should be able to visit the maunga without being attacked.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

In Devonport and Takapuna all beaches and parks are no-go areas for non-dog owners especially the frail, old or very young. Why should dogs have more rights than humans?

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3997**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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To function, dog control rules must be clear and simple so that they can both be understood by the public and enforced by council staff. I really like dogs, but as a person who has been threatened and injured by uncontrolled pets. I support strengthening of the rules, so that everyone can have the same rights to safety and enjoyment of our public places.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4048**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Our dog currently goes on pack walks with a walker who takes 6-8 dogs per walk. She has qualifications in dog handling and dog training. She knows what she is doing. The dogs are assessed before they join the pack and she has the pack under control at all times. The critical aspect of the current regulation is that 'dogs must be under control'. If dogs are taken out by a competent handler, there should not be a problem. Surely the focus on this regulation should be on the competence of the dog walker and not on pack numbers. Imposing a limit on the numbers of dogs in a walking pack will mean the cost of pack walks will become financially unviable for dog owners. I am currently required to work in the office for 3 days per week. If these proposed changes are introduced, our dog walker's business is likely to go under and/or the cost per walk will become prohibitive for owners. If that happens, our dog will need to be left at home by himself while we are at work. That is not in the dog's best interests, or our neighbours' best interests. There may also be an unintended consequence of owners needing to give their pets away because they are not able to care for them.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4183**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Walking multiple dogs is risky, and the limit of 3 is a practical one.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

In general, dog control rules must be clear and simple so that they can both be understood by the public and enforced by council staff.  I really like dogs, but as a person who has been threatened and injured by uncontrolled pets. I support strengthening of the rules, so that everyone can have the same rights to safety and enjoyment of our public places.

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

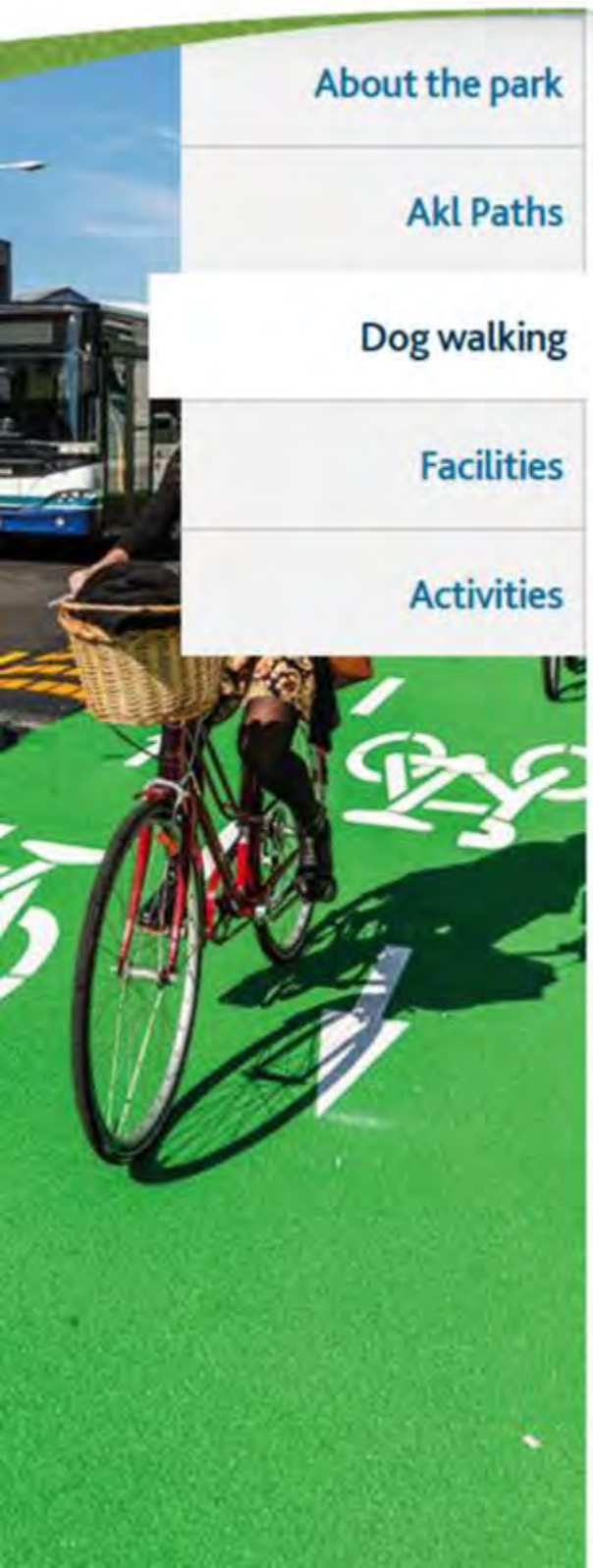
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**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**



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# Dog walking at Ngataringa Park

## Our tip

Always follow the rules on where you can walk your dog on our website even if the information on park signs does not match. Call us on 09 301 0101 if you need help.
Read more about the dog access rules in Policy on dogs.

### On the sports field

**All times**

**Prohibited**
All times

This covers all sports surfaces.

### Near the sports field

**All times**

**On-leash**
All times

This covers areas near any sports surface when in use.

### Foreshore

**All times**

**Prohibited**
All times

This covers the shell banks from Ngataringa Bay Access Road to and including Plymouth Reserve.

### Park areas

**All times**

**On-leash**
All times

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4260**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

If you're already suggesting six just have six on/off lead. Most are good dog walkers who have control of all their dogs. Let's not let a couple of bad eggs change the rules for everyone

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarifying signage and information found on internet  for all dog related things (especially beach on/off times) will be very helpful. Currently a shambles

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

This is very important to have someone with expertise making such assessments. Surely there's already expertise involved in this area!?

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Having clear information for all dog resulted things is long overdue

Make it easy for the dog owners to comply by having clarity is a good thing

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It would be helpful to understand how these rules come into play

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarity makes for ease of understanding and compliance ..currently confusing so people are less likely to 'abide'

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As above clarity is key. If there are mistakes they ought to be fixed

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Once again. Clarity is key

If you expect dog owners to follow the rules, make them clear

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Unsure what these updates would entail. If it is an Iwi issue surely they are already involved and will offer their thoughts. I think it is great for our pups to be able to access such places either their people and sure hope this remains the case .. I do feel there ought to be better encouragement for the humans to remove their doggie poops *ie specifically provided bins with bags (like Picton!) to encourage and support dog poop removal

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Seems obvious to remove outdated information, I am unsure why this question is even here?

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

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**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Narrowneck beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

We have a large number of very well controlled dogs in Devonport. The odd one is not under control and usually the owners are very aware when a dog is not being well managed. More freedom for dog owners to take dogs on the beach for greater periods of tim

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

It's pleasant to be able to take and / or see people enjoying their dogs at the beach swimming walking etc this is a very busy beach with all sorts going on and is enhanced with good dogs having enjoyment

**N/A**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4319**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Maximum 3 dogs all on leash. No person can safely control multiple dogs especially if off leash in the presence of other dogs or animals incl birds or people.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4344**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

It's not the dogs it's the owners. Your own data shows that it is individual owners who are creating the vast majority of the issues we have with dogs. Certainly professional dog walkers should be better controlled and policed by introducing licensing but it's the lazy, bad dog owner that needs focusing on.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4375**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

I believe ALL dogs should be on leash. Keeping tabs on more than one dog off leash whilst controlling others is not realistic.  Not all dogs are well trained and 'professional' dog walkers have no licence or formal training.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rules should be clear and common across Auckland, clear definition of areas and restrictions

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All of Auckland should be covered for multiple dogs. Any more than two dogs per residential property.  Working dogs if more than two necessary can be licensed. Properties need to be suitable for dogs, properties without outdoor spaces, such as units/apartments should have more restrictions including the requirement not to keep dogs if sufficient welfare of dog not considered

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clear common rule across Auckland.

I believe all dogs on public or council property should be on leash at all times

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clear common rule across Auckland.

I believe all dogs on public or council property should be on leash at all times.  Working dogs can be exempted where necessary for their work.  Dogs in vehicles should not be left unattended. Dogs in moving vehicles should be restrained - not sat on drivers lap or head out of window

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

My local maunga rules dogs only on leash. I have been rushed by dogs of leash and the majority of dog walkers have their dogs off leash ignoring the current rules. Tighten up on enforcement and even ban dogs altogether on all maunga

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Too many dog owners flout the existing rules, some cite confusion in rules, so make rules simple, clear and common and increase penalties and enforcement

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I support this in principle, but I would make it 6pm as families still enjoying area at this time.

I would also make the rule on leash at all times

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Dogs if permitted should be on leash at all times, unless in fenced defined dog exercise area**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4387**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Many dogs and their owners benefit from

Having the option of their dogs going on pack walks. By changing the rules it would make it too expensive and that will be detrimental to the number of dogs who enjoy pack walks. These dogs will just be left at home all day, terrible for dogs!!!

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4399**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during**

**lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4406**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

It is very important for all dogs to learn to socialize and be calm when out. It's also a great way for dogs to get a great day of exercise. I have an auto-immune disease, I certainly cannot take my dogs out for long walks and I rely on a great pack walk company to do that for my dogs. They come back content, calm and tired.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4463**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Differentiate between private dog owners and pack walkers and introduce licensing for professional dog walking services. This would encourage people to get trained to handle multiple dogs and stop the public from walking a lot of dogs at once, at the very least you need to involve the PDWA in your decision making they are the industry experts.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4473**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There should be different rules for professional dog walkers versus the public, listen to the PDWA who are suggesting a licensed approach so that professionals can still operate. The limit of 6 for professionals is ridiculous. There are different rules for what qualified trades can do vs a regular DIY home owner, dog walking should be the same, these are trained professional.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4506**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during**

**lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4530**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I support dog walking businesses who pack walk groups of dogs. Rules as proposed would essentially put these small business out of business overnight.

If there is concern about large groups of dogs being walked together I suggest establishing a licensing regime for businesses who are dog walkers, where those businesses could be certified as safe pack walkers. While some pack walkers do not well control their dogs groups, many do, including the one our family uses. Our dog walker is able to recall the entire group in seconds, and they all sit and wait while another group or animal (such as a horse) passes by.

I would also be interested in an analysis of complaints about dog behaviour to see how many of these actually arise from large groups of dogs being walked. I suspect we have more problems with roaming dogs, or poorly trained dogs out just alone with owners.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4546**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

A professional dog walker such as Nikki of Doggy Bush Break in Omaha can walk a dozen dogs and have them under control either on or off lead. Off leash time is important in a dogs walk. How are dogs going to be able to have a run on the beach (in winter) with such stringent protocols?

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4547**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I have an amazing dog trainer that picks up my dog and 8-10 other dogs for a pack walk. My dog had benefitted so much from it and loves heading out every week. Reducing the limits will mean our trainer will have to increase her prices to make ends meet, which we won't be able to afford. Why punish people who are doing good things?

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4556**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Because people don't follow the rules and have out of control, off leash dogs all the time. This needs to be policed and rules tightened.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Long Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

People ignore rules and allow off leash unruly dogs all the time.  Needs policing.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

So people and children especially, feel safe.

**Police them but so people feel safe, not just wildlife.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4569**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This time I am submitting on your Dog Management Bylaw.

I find the whole situation confusing, starting with putting Maori names first. Didn't the new Govt state you can't do this?

I object to dogs in a vehicle being banned from public areas. Insane!*!

I object to not being allowed to own more than 2 dogs. How many cats are people allowed to own?

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

No justification has been provided for this rule.

Obviously, if the dogs are causing real problems or being mis-treated, then restrictions are justified.

But otherwise you shouldn't pick on responsible dog-owners, especially while not having restrictions on cat owners.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

dogs on-leash with responsible owners should be allowed in as many areas as possible.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

dogs on-leash with responsible owners should be allowed in as many areas as possible.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

dogs on-leash with responsible owners should be allowed in as many areas as possible.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

the information you have provided, doesn't make this issue clear enough

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

all the information you have provided relating to the Dog Management Bylaw, is confusing because it doesn't make the issues clear enough

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

All beaches should allow Daytime (10am to 5pm) Under control on leash, including during summertime.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Because the current rule is totally unreasonable to dog owners!

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

What I am saying should apply to ALL beach locations

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs should be permitted on-leash on all beaches, all year, because there is no good reason to exclude them during summertime.

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4607**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4684**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Anymore would be very difficult to control if a third party7's dog cam on the scene

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

About time, and any unregistered dogs impose an instant heavy fine.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**No, well done!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4718**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4743**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe dogs should be allowed to run free along for beach at Te Arai South beach . It would be okay to say they should be on a leash between the carpark and the waters edge. There are many larger dogs in this semi rural area which need a lot of exercise and it is wonderful to see how they enjoy the freedom of running along the beach and swimming in the sea. it is also an opportunity for locals to socially and for the dogs to do the same! I believe there are no Dotterals nesting at the South end of Te Arai, Forrestry Beach and so feel it is unnecessary to make any changes.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**I dont believe a blanket rule should be enforced, for some places the new rules would just not be necessary.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4773**

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It can be difficult to control dogs in settings outside the home that are being walked by someone who is not the owner. Also assumes dogs are trained and have recall. It is better for the safety of the walker and members of public that the amount of dogs walked on leash is lowered. If it's walking them on an adventure in a large farmland area then I would support up to 6 dogs off leash but not in more urban settings.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All areas in Auckland should have a license for multiple dogs especially on farms in case of an accident or if emergency services need to go onto the property so they know about the animals and can take the appropriate risk management procedures.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dog access should be clearly marked with large signage on all entrances/exits and include only on leash except in designated off leash area. All dogs should be prohibited from going onto playgrounds and such so they aren't continued with faeces and urine.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be on leash at all times with the exception of working dogs (Police, search and rescue) when undertaking those duties. Dogs in moving vehicles ok, dogs shouldn't be left unattended for more than 10 mins (have seen dog left in car while owners had dinner)

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

This should be updated more regularly perhaps bi annually?

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Keeping dogs in leash helps keep them under control so they don’t cause trouble with members of the public or other responsible dog owners walking their dogs

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should only be allowed on the beach under control on a leash. This will allow dog owners to enjoy the beach with their dog without causing a nuisance to other members of the public who may not want a dog running up to them, or annoying other dogs on the beach

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Only on leash should be permitted to prevent naughty dogs running south of the tower and attacking the gannets or annoying other beach users/dogs

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be under control on leash only, as there isn't enough area to have a safe designated off leash area for dogs. Dogs should be permitted on leash between 10am and 5pm.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

On the beach should be under control on a leash only- not allowed off leash

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**The signs displaying dog usage rules should be larger and in more places so they are more visible**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4790**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

Too many dogs, too much poop left behind

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Make owners more responsible for their dogs and dog poop.  PICK UP THE POOP!!!

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs are a nuisance with barking, pooping, running into people

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Good for people who want to enjoy the area

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Better for people to enjoy

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

More pleasant for people to enjoy without ********** dogs running around, barking and pooping

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Better for people to enjoy

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Be nicer to enjoy without dogs and their poop

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
More pleasant for people to enjoy

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Takapuna and Milford beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Too many irresponsible owners who let their dogs run riot, and leave their poop behind!

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Running, pooping dogs are a ********** nuisance!

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4825**

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It is not easy to control a lot of dogs. and 6 sounds like a good start.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4885**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The idea of limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk, and how many can be off leash fails to strike a fair balance between dog owners and non-dog owners (who have to accept public spaces are shared and they can't ring fence all the best areas to themselves all the time). In the policy information a driver for this change is said to be that more and more Aucklanders have one or more dogs. What your policy doesn't recognise is that many responsible owners employ professional dog walkers to walk their dogs in groups for socialisation and exercise. Arguably this helps reduce other anti-social behaviour like barking and improves many dogs sociability - a positive outcome. This policy is targeting those dog walkers and by extension responsible dog owners. I would like to see professional walkers licensed (so only qualified walkers could hold a licence) and some parks, beaches and regional parks designated as off-leash and dog friendly' between 6am and 12pm every weekday, so professional dog walkers can freely walk their packs. People who don't wish to share these spaces with dogs or dogs off-leash can stay away as they will have access after 12pm and on weekends. That would seem to strike more of a balance between competing interests. Nothing in your proposed change is directed at dogs welfare. Many dogs in Auckland live in apartments or have only small yards. Many dog owners work. Dogs do need to run and let out energy, which is impossible on leash. Dogs also need the company of other dogs and the stimulation of interesting outdoor spaces such as forests, beaches and open spaces. Dog parks seldom provide this type of environment. Requiring dogs in groups to be almost always leashed and limiting numbers in the way proposed will make professional dog walking unviable. Some people may even have to surrender their animals as they will be unable to meet their exercise and socialisation requirements. This is grossly unfair as there have been very few reports of incidents involving professional dog walkers reported. If there was a big issue it would have made the news, like the roaming dogs attacking people and stock in South Auckland which is an issue not addressed by this proposed policy yet seems to be a fair more serious issue for the community. Your solution is excessive in the circumstances, targets the good and bad dog walkers/owners alike, undermines animal welfare and fails to strike a fair balance between the needs of everyone in the community.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

I am unsure because it’s unclear if the intention is to make all the rules for all the parks exactly the same. I do not support that. Having a variety of rules about access ,on/off leash etc. is positive.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Because in my community there is one  maunga left that is the last place where we can walk our dog off leash at any time of the day during summer. All the other parks, beaches and spaces are out of bounds despite these spaces being often devoid of people. My concern is you will standardise the rules and this last walking space will be taken away as well. People, dogs and cyclists currently all seem to be able to share the space so there isn't a public safety isssue to address.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

The gardens is for everyone, and the off leash space is great for the dogs. Can't the non-dog people just stay away and let the dog walkers enjoy some space.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The area where dogs can walk on leash during the day is only a small part of the park. There is plenty of space which is dog free for the rest of the community.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Existing rules are adequate.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**I think there should be more access for dogs, particularly on-leash.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4900**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

it works well.  If changed the dog walkers businesses will not remain viable

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5009**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Rules will put dog walkers out of business, no evidence that the number of dogs directly related to dog attacks/ lost dogs ect. Waste of resources trying to police dog walkers. A licence to walk dogs is ridiculous .

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It's a massive beach and a dog on a leash is not going to upset anyone. Majority of nz households have pets so we should have more places to walk them not less

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

More clear and more access for dogs

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5124**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There hasn't been a problem, stop creating more rules. Soon there will be a rule where everything will break a rule.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It's racial and social bias.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It’s already clear. Save the money.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Les’s documents, more education. Less rules, more economic development.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

With a responsible dog owner certificate, the dog gets a different colour tag. This owner takes full responsibility for the dogs actions and is allowed is parks

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Because it’s gotten stupid. Cats roam around killing wildlife, shitting everywhere and destroy peoples gardens. Responsible dog owners are getting punished.

This is all a huge waste of time and money.

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5129**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

You are not giving enough information to make an informed decision

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs get hot too and need to cool off in the water.  Where do i take my dog if i want a picnic!  If they are on a lead and are with me , not causing a problem with people around, what is the problem.  If one person does not like a dog and there are 50 people who do, why should the one person rule.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

because it takes half the morning to just get there.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

From Devonport it takes half a day to get there.  How am i going to be able to walk my dog before 10am if i cannot get there before 10am.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

same as before

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5136**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

There are many reputable dog walking companies that walk many dogs at a time without problems. The dogs are taken for trial walks to ensure that they do not cause a problem in the pack and to make sure that they will not affect other users of public areas. These are professional, competent dog walkers working for reputable companies. Less than 1% of all problems with dogs have arisen from these professional dog walkers. This proposal should be aimed at individuals in crowded areas that do not have their dogs properly trained or under control.

A better resolution to whatever the issue is that council is trying to resolve (still not quite clear on what problem is trying to be fixed) could be managed by licensing dog walking companies ensuring that dog walkers have the proper training to manage multiple dogs.

It is unusual for a council (or government) to legislate individuals and companies with the same rules and this should not happen in this instance either.

I would recommend that before any decision is made, councillors go on a 'pack walk' with a reputable company and observe for themselves how these walks are managed and how the dogs behave. My dog has been going on organised 'pack walks' for about 6 years now and there has never been a problem.

I sincerely hope that the council do not punish the many for the lack of control of the few.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5144**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

If walking 3 or more dogs they should only be on leash as an owner cannot control all 3 dogs at any one time.

2 dogs off leash, under control are acceptable but 3 or more should be on a leash at all times.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Large and visible signage at all beaches, parks etc ..... must be maintained and put in obvious places.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Any densely occupied residential zones should have firm limits so as not to impinge on the rights of non-dog owners as well as dog owners.

It's lack of control/training  from owners that is the real issue

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I do not believe that dogs should be on suburban beaches at all.

This thrusts upon children and parents and elderly people using the beach "love me love my dog."  Many times dogs are not under control, despite what owners believe and they barge over children and can pose a threat to ill or infirm people who are unsteady on their feet.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Milford Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:No dogs in summer at all

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dogs are not under control and owners allow them to run at people, run past people and cause a trip hazard to both children and elderly trying to enjoy the day.  All you end up doing is watching out for dogs and faeces as people allow their dogs to trail

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5151**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are plenty of responsible dog walkers that will be affected and it's not fair.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Owners are the menacing not dogs. Apply enforcement to owners not to the animals.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Every person must be free to keep as many pets as they want, always complying with the laws and displaying responsible behavior.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Long Bay Regional Park is an amazing place to enjoy with families and friends. For a lot of us, our dogs are part of our families and friends. This makes this regional park exclusive only for some people.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

FREE the dogs!

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

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**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

All Regional parks

**What local board area is this location in?**

I don't know

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5192**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

some people let their dogs run at beaches and parks and make the place unsafe and unpleasant.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

one of my friends was bitten by a dog at Sherwood Reserve in the morning when she was walking and the dog and its owner just ran away. My friend was not able to work for a few days.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Everywhere in Auckland should have the same rules regarding dogs and make all people feel safe.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

make the rules simple and make people safe

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

it is reasonable and easy to follow

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5215**

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

I've sometimes seen dog-walkers arriving in a van, with multiple dogs, including some larger ones and often wondered if all are under control, especially because the walkers are not owners. Six still seems quite a lot.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In North Head and Mount Victoria, as well as some of the fields, even though there are signs that leash is needed, no one seems to follow the rules. Explaining things clearly may help people to follow rules.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

This will make it easier for everyone to understand and remember rules.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I am very happy to see the changes are being made.

I was bitten by an unleashed dog on my way home in Devonport (it was area where dogs were supposed to be on leash). I did not mind dogs until then, but after that experience of being suddenly bitten when I was just walking made me a bit weary around dogs.

In Devonport, many locals unleash dogs on Mount Victoria and North Head. Once I asked someone with a large dog running around to use a leash, but was told that she was a local, so rules didn't apply. Not sure how the new rules will change such an attitude but hopefully it will help. It's also true most locals do try keeping dogs closer to them when they see someone who's afraid of dogs. But in my daily walks, there have been many encounters with unleashed dogs which made my heart pound...

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Clear identification of areas where dogs can be unleashed. Visitor centre, cafe, and children's garden in particular should be safe.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5307**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There should be no change to the current rule. However, I would recommend the consideration that persons doing the multiple dog walking should be a current member of the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA), much easier for Council to manage

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5346**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Even 3 dogs off leash is too much for one person to manage. They would have to be incredibly well trained and most are not.

On leash the same. Extendable leashes are dangerous as you have to predict where the do will go and if you will trip over someone's leash when they are not paying attention.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dog laws need to be enforced. Presently Council does not enforce them at all.

Dogs are constantly off leash where they shouldn't be and on beaches when they shouldn't be.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dense housing areas should not be able to keep multiple dogs.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**
Enforce the bylaws otherwise they are meaningless.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I'd love to be able to enjoy the beach without dogs. I stay away because of the dogs. It would be nice to bring back some rights for people that don't want to be around dogs.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I'd like to enjoy dog free spaces, protect birds and wildlife and stock.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

I would like to see the dogs prohibited from 10-5 extended through the winter as people would like to walk on the beach in winter during dog free hours

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Takapuna beach is incredibly popular all year round and more so with the addition of the playground.  Many young children are frightened of dogs.

People walk the beach all year round but I can't in winter as there are no dog free times so I stay away from my local beach.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Enforce the bylaws.**

**I can't say that strongly enough.**

**The Council gives out parking tickets everywhere but never fines dog owners. Perhaps it's a revenue opportunity.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5348**

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I do not support the proposed limit on walking multiple dogs. The council have more of an issue with roaming dogs, chained dogs and dogs that are not fixed. I support a licence for dog walkers that are highly trained and who have the skill to handle multiple dogs not a person advertising on facebook to make some money. I have been using a dog walking service called Pet Adventures for 6 years twice a week since adopting my Bull Terrier at aged 18 months who was chained in south auckland. Without the training they have given my dog over the years and the service to walk her with other dogs for the social aspect she would of ended up an aggressive chained dog . She needs this interaction and I can't take her to public places around Auckland and give her the freedom that they provide her. All their staff are trained for months before they walk these dogs on their own and they have good control over them. Their staff do not change and my dog is with the same dogs and handler every week. If they feel she needs to be on a lead some days they do not hesitate to do so. When people work full time this service is important for social skills of the animal and makes them a better dog in the community. There is no. one else i would trust to care for my dog

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5557**

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Proposal:

Keep the 6 dog limit for any high traffic parks/reserves. For any lower traffic areas, make exceptions for professional dog walkers. This can be policed with some kind of licensing and/or course which can hold people accountable for the dogs they walk.

Pros:

- Keeps high traffic parks/reserves safer by keeping the limit while still allowing dog walkers to stay in business.

- Auckland council is able to police dog walkers easier and hold them accountable.

- Brings in revenue for auckland council in the form of walkers paying for licensing and fines for any misconduct.

- Dog walkers give dogs a chance to the dogs to socialize properly and release energy. If they aren't able to do their job, there will be more under stimulated, aggressive, un-socialized, neglected dogs that will likely be surrendered which will just add to the already massive pressure on any rescue centres.

Cons:

- There is risk that people will pretend to have a license to get around the rules

- there could be confusion as to what would be classed as a high traffic park/reserve

- dog walkers that walk in highly populated areas like auckland central may not be able to walk there anymore.

Personal situation for example:

My partner is a dog walkers that can comfortably take 12 dogs by herself under control. She's absolutely certain none of her dogs would ever attack or show any aggression. However, if someone else had an aggressive dog run up uncontrolled there could be problems. To mitigate risk, she only walks her dogs in more open/isolate areas like riverhead forest and Muriwai beach. This way, there is a lot of open areas to see people coming from a mile away and gives the dogs an opportunity to learn to socialize and release some energy in a safe and controlled manner.

I absolutely agree that there needs to be more regulations on dog walkers as there have been too many issues lately that have been difficult to handle. However I feel that a blanket 6 dog limit rule with no leniency is a bit too hard and fast. Something like that

would put the safer dog walkers with common sense out of business which will have a massive flow on effect that will be felt by rescue centres in a negative way.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)**

**and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5598**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I believe that there should only be a maximum of two dogs allowed with non off-leash. The mayhem that I observe every day at both Takapuna and Narrowneck beaches needs to be addressed. Dogs running loose on the beaches outside the dog hours while their owners ignore their dogs behaviour is a health and safety hazard not to mention that some owners do not remove their pets poo.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5599**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think 6 is a reasonable number, and even quality, responsible dog walkers would struggle to control more than 6 dogs per person.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

**Tell us why**

Very complicated with different areas and events etc

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Proposed summer rules are confusing, would be simpler to make under control on leash in the daytime hours for all areas without creating any risk to other users

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5722**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Even the best walkers have to have eyes in the back of their heads

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed to accompany their people on camping trips

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I think there should be more off leash areas

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The restricted area should be inside the pest fence only

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Still too restrictive, people should be allowed to camp with their dogs

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Dogs are an integral part of Aucklanders life, we need policies that support families to get out and exercise freely with their pets**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5732**

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

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**Tell us why**

**Dogs quantity and behavior should be controlled to a smaller amount. Too many of them.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#5943**

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Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The number of dogs they handle is not a problem. as not every dog causes a problem. The dog walkers only take the certain number of dogs that they can handle.

Many families rely on dog walking services. Limiting the number of dogs will reduce the chance for the dogs to hangout with friends while the owner is busy with work.

Doggies care can be another option but some dogs are not suitable with doggie day care. Some dogs are not good with doggie daycare as there are too many dogs attending and the dogs may need more attention.

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**Tell us why**

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I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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# Fwd: Dogs on Milford Beach - MAJOR PROBLEM - COUNCIL NOT ACTING Reference 8101148618 #6055

[redacted] **You** 4 Nov 2022

To [redacted] ...

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Thanks [redacted] and yes talking to them makes you end up feeling worse! Here are the photos of the (useless 🤣) signs at the end of Milford beach - thanks [redacted]

Thanks for helping by putting more and bigger sized signs up at all entrances to the beach (the present ones are small, not attracting attention and hard to understand) and having a warden or dog controller patrol the beach during prohibited times and issuing fines.

My suggestion is to have a sign at least twice the size of the old ones, with big picture of a dog with a red cross through it to catch people's attention at each access to and along the beach that they can then go closer to, to read the details. Here are just a few of the relevant photos I've taken that may be helpful, to show the number of dogs and how they are not always under control or there during prohibited times. Thanks so much for your help on this matter, Kind Regards,

[redacted]

Read More...

#6055

[redacted] You 20 Feb 2024

To [redacted] ... ...

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You should hear the barking 🙄😢. I got bitten by one (not badly, just have a sore on my finger now) because I had to get him off the back of my property where he had run around to- owners all around us have cats and I foster kittens and have children!!! Something needs to be done - a dog patroller on the beach (that can measure barking noises as well when the owners stand there talking while their dogs bark for attention.
They should NOT be running up on our lawns. They should NOT be running into our houses. But they .

Council doesn't care.

# FW: Dogs on beach during prohibited hours #6055

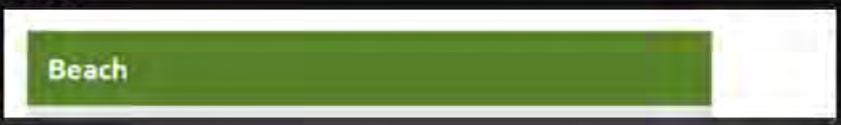
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[redacted] 15 Mar 2022

To You ...

Hi [redacted]

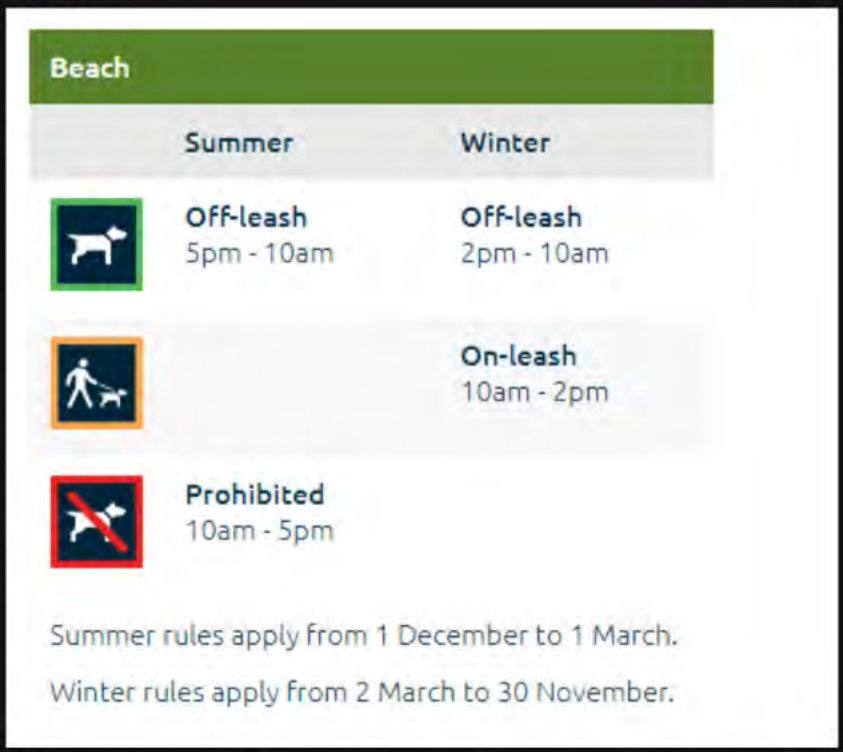
Thank you for bringing this to my attention . It is so great to have people such as yourself that are our eyes and ears out there. Your information is so valuable to us by helping us to divert my staff to concentrate on hot spots so again thank you. I must admit due to covid any many people working from home , we now have had major issues on almost all of our beaches from Devonport up to Omaha. Having only an average of three officers on during the day I can assure you we are doing our absolute best to cover most beaches . With the new winter times in effect it should take some of the pressure off my staff and we will continue to patrol Milford beach . I have added the dog rules for Milford beach below and assure you we are patrolling the beach as much as we can.





can.

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Please could you keep in contact with me regarding the dogs on beaches , your information really is useful to us .

Kind regards

[redacted]

**Team Leader**

**Animal Management North**

**Licensing & Regulatory Compliance**

**Mob** [redacted]

**Email:** [redacted]

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sent multiple photos and written multiple times over the years). You actually need a dog and noise controller patrolling this beach and issuing fines. One bit me yesterday when I tried to remove it after it ran around the whole other end of the house - please let me know what you are ACTUALLY going to do because frankly, all the other things I've been told about what will be done have amounted to nothing so we're clearly lies.

Regards
Thanks [redacted]
Milford beach
[redacted]

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# RE: Dog owners ignoring rul...





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[redacted] You 11 Nov 2023
To [redacted]

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Beachfront owners should be allowed to sleep without dog barking waking them early in the morning.
Dog owners are not controlling their dogs.
Dogs should NOT be coming up on our lawns but they are.
Dogs and dog owners should NOT be getting aggressive with beachfront owners (who are paying $12,000 in rates per year) and in front of our children. But they are.
Dogs should NOT be running into and around our houses, but they are.
Dog owners generally don't care (some do, but they're not the ones I'm talking about).
Council does not care. Council has not done a thing about it for at least 3 decades that I know of and 10 active years I've tried to get them to.
The neighbour is selling the house they wanted to see the end of their years in. She is 72 and has been knocked over 3 times by dogs where owners didn't help.

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the back lawn and run into the house! The neighbours are selling after 35 years - she is 72 and was knocked over 3 times by dogs and the owners didn't help. Council have never done a thing about it for the 10 years I've tried to get them to. We're not 'tossy beachfront owners'- were very lucky- but also very in lucky to have our time here ruined by dog owners not caring. It is out of control - there are way too many dogs. It has taken away the rights of people who don't have dogs and of children- it is a giant toilet. I wanted to live the dream of falling asleep hearing the waves but every night I have to wear earplugs and I have double glazing in a reasonably new house and yet every morning (often as early as 6) the dog barking wakes me. Owners don't 'hear' it). They tune it out. They stand there talking while the dogs bark for attention. Nor do they care if it's disturbing us to hear it or to have their dogs running up on the lawn all the time, every day. I've been verbally abused and sworn at (in front of my children) multiple times because I asked them to control their dogs or stop them coming up. Here's a quick photo just now to show the crazy number of dogs relative to the people (and I've

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**To:** [redacted]

<[redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Dog owners ignoring rules -not in control of dogs- Milford Beach Auckland-ongoing problem for many years (Now decades)

Just a reminder all this time later, that the dog problem is worse than ever; dogs up on lawn, walking into the house. Some are good dog owners, but most are out of control of their dogs and very rude (even aggressive) if you try and talk to them about incessant barking, dogs out of control, digs on your lawn or dogs on beach when they shouldn't be. These are just a few shots I took in less than minutes to show all the dogs on the beach after 10 (when they shouldn't be there between 10 and 5) this weekend. They also bark and wake me even with double glazed windows that I have to close!) while wearing earplugs, at 6am Saturdays and Sundays.

Is council really ever going to do anything about this? I'm losing faith.

It would be quite easy to send a dog control person down 7am to noon on a Saturday to take photos, approach and fine people. (Which would make more money for council….and more than pay for a patrol officer as well). Oh yeah and make the signs much bigger and more obvious like I've been asking for around a decade now 🙄

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**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>
**Sent:** Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:46:48 PM
**To:** [redacted]
<[redacted]
**Subject:** Re: Dog owners ignoring rules -not in control of dogs- Milford Beach Auckland-ongoing problem for many years (Now decades)

**Thanks- just need someone patrolling the beach as they're so aggressive and rude!🙄**

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**From:** [redacted]
<[redacted]>
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 1:54:47 PM
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** RE: Dog owners ignoring rules -not in control of dogs- Milford Beach Auckland-ongoing problem for many years (Now decades)

Hi [redacted]

Myself and my team have been doing patrols where we and when we can to prevent this.

I was threaten by another customer when I asked him to do not go to the beach. Another one had over NZ$1'000 infringements. If you have any further detail from these customers, I will happily infringe them.

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:08:46 AM
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Dog owners ignoring rules -not in control of dogs- Milford Beach Auckland-ongoing problem for many years (Now decades)

Hi [redacted] Thanks for talking about this problem yesterday. Thanks for acting on this.

Issue one: DOGS ON MILFORD BEACH DURING PROHIBITED HOURS- All toileting all over the beach- how can this be hygienic/safe while non-dog humans and children are wanting to enjoy the beach?

Many dog owners are oblivious to the rules on Milford beach and/or when told politely, they simply don't care about having their dogs on the beach during prohibited hours. They often reply rudely. On a daily basis they let their dogs approach children or run in front of runners and elderly people making them stop suddenly or worry, or in my case hurt my knee having to change direction. They are simply NOT in control of their dogs. And there are a huge number of dogs.

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Daily and many times a day, dogs are allowed to run up onto the property (all neighbours and beachfront owners included).
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Thanks for helping by putting more and bigger sized signs up at all entrances to the beach (the present ones are small, not attracting attention and hard to understand) and having a warden or dog controller

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# Re: Dog owners ignoring rules -not in control of dogs- Milford Beach Auckland-ongoing problem for many years (Now decades)

[redacted] You 11 Nov 2023

To [redacted]

Update upon being asked about councils 'service'.....

How was your service? Well.....I'm not sure what service there was? Ongoing issue with dogs on Milford beach. Please look up your files and have a read.

Not happy with service at all. Dogs are still coming up on the lawn, daily. Most owners are not controlling them at all. Not controlling how much they run around and how fast and get in your way and even knock into you at times. Nor how much barking they do including early in the morning. Some even run around the house to the back lawn and run into the house! The neighbours are calling after 35 years... she is 70

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6132**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I do not support the proposed limit on walking multiple dogs.

The proposed limit will only penalise responsible dog owners and will not stop irresponsible people who do not follow existing laws.

I am a dog walker who services Auckland dogs in West Auckland & North Shore. I have been operating since 2021 and currently walk 75 dogs every week.

I do not the proposed limit because:

1. The data does not support that people walking more than three dogs off lead are creating a problem. Incident data presented by Auckland Council showed only 0.7% of complaints related to people walking more than two dogs, meaning those walking more than three must be even less. In addition the data used to support that there is a problem and presented to council in July 2024 was based on a survey of 2,000 civically minded people and its interpretation by Council is seriously flawed and fails to show that over half of respondents had never had an issue with people walking more than two dogs. The survey also doesn't ask how many people had seen more than three dogs being walked at once. There have been more than 2,750 signatures on the Professional Dog Walkers Association petition opposing this proposed limit so more than 2,750 people don't think there is an issue when less than 1,000 respondents to the peoples panel think they saw more than two dogs being walked causing a problem.

2. The change unfairly targets professional dog walkers only. Auckland Council staff have said that they are not targeting professional dog walkers, but this bylaw change will only impact professional dog walkers. Professional dog walkers have not been spoken to about any nuisance issues or how to best address any issues. I think that licensing of some kind rather than a total ban would better address any issues with professional dog walkers.

3. The Bylaw won't be enforced. Auckland dog owners all know that Animal Management staff are stretched, and it takes days for them to respond to serious issues. Animal Management already do not proactively monitor known dog walking hotspots and this bylaw will not change this. The fact that the Waitakere Rangers Local Board had to fund a dedicated ranger to monitor and enforce rules at west coast beaches is proof of this. If Auckland Council won't enforce the bylaw then the only people who will be impacted will

be those that already follow all the rules, meaning rule breakers will continue to break the rules and issues will continue.

I support a license being developed to regulate professional dog walkers as they have the skills to handle multiple dogs and provide a valuable service to responsible dog owners in the community. A system similar to that in Wellington where walkers take a course, are observed walking dogs and face limits would fully address the current issues with Professional Dog Walkers. I also support the Wellington system where walkers with less than a year of experience are limited to walking 6 dogs and more experienced walkers can walk up to 12 dogs and I believe this would be suitable for Auckland. If Council are concerned with the cost of administering a licensing system then an association like the Professional Dog Walkers Association could assist Council with parts of the system and Council could still collect a fee.

Auckland has a serious issue with roaming dogs and Council should focus on this and not multiple dog walkers who make up a tiny amount of reported issues. A licensing regime is the only way forward and Council should proceed with licensing not the proposed universal limits.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6270**

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I don’t understand the completely arbitrary number 6? Where has that come from and what research have you done to justify this? My dog very happily walks in a much bigger group with professional dog trainers and they’ve never had an issue. Fine those who’s dogs are not under control but don’t restrict those who do it well and ruin their livelihood

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**#6280**

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**Tell us why**

Dog walking is an important service that helps to meet the daily requirements of each dogs. If the dogs don't get adequate exercise and training that the dog walkers provide it can lead to behaviour problems in dogs and therefore making the lives of the dog owners difficult. Limiting the number of dogs that can be walked won't change the current issue but providing training and education to the dog handlers makes a huge difference in long run

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**#6477**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers overall manage their dogs well. The issue is irresponsible owners who do not care, train and let overall aggressive dogs roam free. Dog owners (including myself) should have to get a licence to show they can care for their dog before they can purchase a dog. We pay a dog's licence but it's meaningless apart from a tax to own and contribute to emptying bins.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

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**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6557**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Strongly agree with the proposed change. With increased use of the park there are increasingly number of dog owners who do not comply with the current policy rules. A stronger policy and better presence by the dog control team will ensure a better parks experience for all.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Takapuna Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:Beach

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dog owners do not comply with the rules, often dogs that are off leash, are not under verbal control, they have caused numerous accidents on the beach running into passers-by, owners do not pick up faeces and in instances where owners are approached, can

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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**Overall the policy appears to be a positive step, however, Council needs to invest in dog only parks and facilities. Particularly in the Devonport-Takapuna local board. Noting this was part of previous local board plans.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6643**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I believe a restriction in numbers is needed, but should be set at 8 dogs with ALL dogs able to be off lead. It is in fact harder to control and manage a group of dogs if some of them must be on lead, especially when in an off lead area where other dogs will be off leash and inevitably approach the on lead dogs. It is not fair or reasonable to have a rule that requires some dogs to be on lead in an off lead area just because they are part of a group of more than 3.

Allow a reasonable number of dogs (8) to be walked by one handler and for those dogs to be allowed off lead and under control in an off lead area.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**Tell us why**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6720**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I disagree with the proposed limit of six dogs (with a maximum of three off-leash) as it fails to address the actual challenges within the dog community. The real issues stem from owners and walkers who lack control over their dogs, as well as roaming, unattended dogs—not from responsible professional dog walkers. This policy unfairly penalizes experienced professionals who have consistently demonstrated their ability to manage multiple dogs safely, reliably, and effectively.

As someone with a highly nervous dog, I've seen firsthand the critical role professional dog walkers play in ensuring proper exercise, socialization, and training. For the past four years, my dog has participated in pack walks, significantly reducing her anxiety and behavioural challenges. Exposure to different environments and diverse groups of dogs, under the guidance of skilled professionals, has built both her confidence and mine.

Imposing an arbitrary limit overlooks the expertise required to walk multiple dogs safely. Instead, a practical, evidence-based approach—developed in consultation with industry experts like the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA)—would be far more effective in addressing concerns while supporting responsible dog ownership.

Alternative Solution: Professional Dog Walker Licensing System

Rather than imposing blanket limits, introduce a licensing system for professional dog walkers, allowing them to handle more dogs (e.g., up to 15) based on training, certification, and adherence to a strict code of conduct.

Benefits of Licensing:

* Ensures high standards and safe practices among professionals.

* Provides the Council with better oversight and compliance enforcement.

* Allows proven professionals to operate without arbitrary restrictions.

* Gives dog owners confidence that they're hiring accredited professionals for walking and training their dogs.

A licensing approach formally recognizes expertise of professional dog walkers, prioritizes safety, ensures accountability, and fosters trust within the community. It also enables the Council to allocate resources more effectively, focusing on pressing issues like roaming and nuisance dogs, which generate the majority of complaints.

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Long bay beach is well known for being a dog friendly beach. It seems misguided to "Prohibit" dogs on leash from the beach during the Daytime (10am to 5pm). As Auckland increases it's housing density, it's now more crucial than ever to have inclusive green spaces for families and their pets.

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#6725**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

In Devonport  outside the public library a friend observed a dog on an extendable lead trip up and injure an elderly lady. Please consider making it a requirement that in crowded areas such as Devonport's Victoria Road during shopping hours and early evening dogs being walked should be on a short leash so that the dog walker has better control of the dog. I understand that extendable leads can be locked to temporarily shorten them. This episode  happened when ONE dog was being walked. I think that the proposed limit on the number of dogs which can be walked at one time will improve safet'y

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In Anne St Devonport, with mainly narrow pavements for pedestrians many dog walkers fail to pick up  their dog's faeces. One dog has been using my lawn as a toilet for months and I have been picking it up almost daily and taking it to the waterfront council bins. within the past 2 weeks I observed it happening and sprinted downstairs to catch the owner. The owner denied that it would be her dog but I was able to state that I had observed it happening and went to find a paper towel in my pocket to prove the freshness of the item. That was enough for the owner to accept that it was her dog but she appeared to be unwilling to  pick it up until I insisted when she obliged. then she went away in her freedom camper for 2 - 3 days but before leaving let her dog poo on my lawn as usual. I left the faecal matter and wrote her a note as politely as possible, stating that I expected her to remove the faeces by 12 md tomorrow, and that her dog should not be on my lawn and enclosed a copy of the council's one page rules for dog owners, highlighting the item re cleaning up after your dog. The dog owner phoned to tell me that she thought that it was rude to send her a note(in a sealed envelope) and she came to my front door to see me. I apologised if the note upset her and we parted amicably. Glad I didn't enclose the dog faeces with the note. I am delighted that in the days since I have found no dog poo on

my lawn!!! We are in a short street but when I walk to the supermarket I usually pick up 4 - 5 lots of dog poo on my side of the street. Have also had another episode with an offender leaving dog poo- I chased him and he said he just had to go home first but after 2 hours I had to pick it up myself.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

ACC records show an increase in dog attacks. Decades ago when I was the public health nurse in Otara I was bitten by a dog on the pavement outside a property and I feel passionate about this. I am concerned that the SPCA advertises dogs to be rehomed during a recession when I think that many families would struggle to meet the needs of a dog - financially and in terms of time. However, they can also be a comfort although I worry that dogs of uncertain parentage may grow too large to readily have their exercise needs met in densely populated areas and the provision of large off leash areas would be too expensive for the dog owning community. It should not be provided by ratepayers who often struggle to pay their rates as it is.

I think that dogs classified as menacing shoud all be neutered as this may have a behavioural impact if done early enough. I agree that there are exceptions, but I think that all dogs of risky or often agressive breeds and not in the hands of a registered breeder should be neutered, especially if thsy live in a densely populated area such as a city or town. Judging by the SPCA, we have more cats and dogs than needed by the population

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Where available, a veterinarian with approriate specialist training/skills would be likely to more accurately judge the behavioural features of such a dog. However, in view of the increase in dog attacks, and the apparent tendency for persons with a criminal background to prefer dogs with aggresive characteristics I think that ANY dog which has made an unprovoked attack should be euthanised automatically - and quickly.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As dogs are pack animals I think that; multiple dogs in one property might be more likely to become aggressive. I do not know which areas require this and what criteria are used but many factors would be involved.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I had great difficulty in finding the rules for Tupuna Maunga  Could not find them.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I think that neutering all dogs early in their lives except those registered for breeding could lead to a safer city/area. It could also reduce the significant cost of injuries and the long term consequences of these. At present such costs/pain/disability is not borne by the dog - owner. I do not think that ratepayers should pay for care of stray dogs: they should be rapidly euthanised when found. Registered dogs also should be microchipped to make identification  simpler. At present identification of dogs whose owners do not pick up after them is complex.

I hope that a simpler system can be found and  significant fines should be applied. Perhps 3 mobile camera pictures in succession could be considered. Some way of obtaining the dog's registration number would be helpful.

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

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**Tell us why**

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I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on ARMY BAY beach and foreshore areas east of the boat ramp that DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the time and season rule for the rest of ARMY BAY.

Reason: The cliffs to the east of the boat ramp

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