
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q2 Policy and bylaw matters

(Q2F. Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
69	Do not support	This is a question obviously concerning council processes and extremely difficult to comment on by a member of the public.
176	Support	Engagement by local area is important. There needs to be legal, easy and local access for every dog, every day
383	Support	The current dog walking rules are so complex and confusing, and differ in each park that it is not surprising so many dog owners break the rules and feel entitled to do as they please.
507	Support	Signs are a bit confusing to work out
1595	Support	Locals should have a say in their own access rules for local parks and especially off-leash areas
1622	Do not support	As I have said, it is disappointing how restrictive Auckland is to dogs and dog owners. I have visited over 40 countries, and lived in 3 countries, and there is no more restricted place than Auckland. Council is out of touch with Aucklanders in this regard.
2275	Do not support	No-one is interested in how they are set. They need to be enforced because they are completely pointless if they are not.
2476	Support	One or two complainants should not get to close a whole beach to all dogs. Access is a very public issue.
2871	Support	As long as the intentions are transparent with the public, open for discussion and possible a forum, before a decision is made.
3076	Do not support	I'm not against regulation—I support it! I believe in uplifting the industry through education to raise standards, licensing for accountability, and solutions that genuinely address the issues. Regulation by numbers alone won't solve the problem. Please work with real life dog walkers and trainers to come up with better solutions, rather than having a very small portion ruin it for a lot of people and dogs.
3218	Do not support	Dogs are not the problem and as a dog owner who loves taking dog out I have never seen a nasty dog attack at these parks and beaches. However I have seen people fighting a throwing rubbish and general not safe for public behavior. Just food for thought on who is more problematic ... dogs or people
4154	Do not support	The rules are very contradictory and confusing currently. However we do not trust the council to give fair access to dog owners at all reserves and beaches if a change is made. Having just come back from a holiday through the UK & Europe where dogs can go anywhere (shops, beaches, inside cafes, on trains, on aeroplanes, parks and more), we can only wonder how the rules are so flexible in so many advanced countries where the population is over 500 million people and yet New Zealand seems to ban dogs everywhere and provides no recreational space for them to exercise with their owners.

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4368	I don't know	I would like to see any such access rules based on welfare considerations (for the dogs; for people and other dogs sharing the space; for cats and livestock in adjacent properties) based fundamentally on welfare concerns, with conservation concerns a distant second - there is a limit on how many taonga spp we can expect to be living happily within the city anyway due to other city-related factors, and a limit to which dog-walking privileges should be seriously curtailed by the constant prioritisation of these species everywhere. This is not an ideology shared by all, by any means.
4520	Support	Once consultation has taken place I believe it is of importance that the public are aware of how the process will be actioned and why. Information is always helpful for deeper understanding of issues
4689	Support	Access to parks and reserves in Auckland for dogs is too liberal and badly enforced by Animal Control.
6749	Support	Transparency is good
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD		
2392	Support	Dog access is continually reduced, so much so that it is getting difficult to find dog off leash areas. This means that the dog off leash areas are getting crowded resulting in a lot less enjoyment while exercising your dog. The criteria for setting dog access rules needs to include something from a dog owners perspective, and not just the anti-dog team.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
598	Support	I would like to know why this isn't clear in the first place?
2107	Support	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.
2845	Do not support	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.

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3469	Support	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.
3590	Support	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!
3762	I don't know	This questions is confusing and too ambiguous
3919	Support	In Devonport and Takapuna the current rules are ignored. Non-dog owners are menaced by aggressive dog owners.
4260	Support	It would be helpful to understand how these rules come into play
4375	Support	Clear common rule across Auckland. I believe all dogs on public or council property should be on leash at all times
4569	Do not support	dogs on-leash with responsible owners should be allowed in as many areas as possible.
4773	Support	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.
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
350	Support	This would be handy for owners to know.
711	Support	There seems to be many quiet areas where rules are on leash unnecessarily
958	Support	I believe that members if the public should set the rules Long with Animal Rescues and veterinarians. ONLY THESE PEOPLE.
1539	Support	I support change, there are laws preventing dogs from being off lead in parks but no one to make sure it happens. I had my dog put to sleep at age two due to being attacked by an off-lead dog in an on-lead park. no dog should be off lead unless in a closed space like a dog park fully fenced. rules need to be kept too, if its a lead park then that needs to be acted upon. I can report dogs loose to Auckland council but they say they don't have staff to deal with it

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1710	Do not support	If you put in regulations for some areas - such as the Clevedon Showgrounds, other areas, such as Kawakawa Bay will be possibly over run by dogs. WE already have far too many dogs with owners who do not scoop the poop. I am a dog owner and do clean up. The regulation S for dog walkers need to include all public spaces that allow access to dogs - that includes all beaches, parks, river margins etc etc
1731	Support	Waiuku forest needs to be included in these decisions. May not be a regional park, but dog (pack) walkers that have been asked to leave other areas are traveling to there and causing alot of issues. It's a part of aucklnad and needs to be overseen at a council level better.
2242	Do not support	These changes and clarifications will be an excuse to push through new anti dog rules.
3923	I don't know	I dont understand this question. This is not clarified in the information I have read
4209	I don't know	I don't think limiting access will solve the problem. The dog walking industry needs regulation, and owners who fail to control their dogs, and both should be held accountable. Maybe it's time to bring back park wardens!
4428	Support	Council definitely need to clarify this. Reading the changes that have been proposed I am horrified at the increased restrictions around the Dog Access Areas and would like to know the reasoning behind these changes. What are the facts and statistics behind the changes? There are none given in your documentation.
4726	Do not support	Dogs are part of our lives and we want to be able to take them everywhere
5906	Do not support	The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. Owners of unregistered, unneutered, menacing dogs do not walk their dogs on or off leash at these places. They instead let their dogs roam the streets. Stop punishing good dog owners.
6073	Do not support	Clevedon showgrounds works well now, dont change it
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
239	I don't know	Depends on how do you "clarify" the rules. It is very hard to find on your website, but if you are limiting more access opportunities to exercise my dog then, no, I do not support this change.
565	Support	Each of the four Auckland areas should have a person dedicated to the area who we know.
832	Support	It's very difficult to get clarity on where your dog is allowed off head vs on lead...and there are specific rules for different areas which all need to be individually access and found. Clear rules for example for all beaches...dogs allowed off lead from 6pm in summer and all day in the winter apply to all Auckkand beaches. I have found some places have their own special rules which are different and hard to locate.
998	Do not support	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1351	Support	The clearer rules are, the easier it is to both follow them, and enforce when broken.

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1606	Do not support	I believe the restrictions in place are a bit OTT especially on very hot days, a dog and its owner should be able to have the opportunity for their dog to be able to swim, cool down. Again there is a lot of restrictions that end up making things hard and the dog is missing out.
1666	Do not support	It should depend on the individual situation and location. A blanket rule for all, is just draconian and inappropriate. I would rather see appropriate policing and enforcement of on lead areas than a blanket ban in all areas.
1751	Do not support	We already have limited space for dogs to be, what's gonna happen is the dogs will never get walked and they will suffer at home and be ill treated
3794	Support	Agree that the setting of these rules is important - ensuring that this process provides for consultation and in person submissions It is important that this is a open and transparent process
3837	Do not support	One of the biggest issues I have encountered is the lack of clear and visible signage regarding off-leash and on-leash areas. Even when signs exist, they are often too small, not well-placed, or lack clarity, leading to confusion. For example, I visited Orewa Beach (not a planned trip or I would have checked the Council website for the rules prior to going) during the summer months and allowed my dog off-lead, only to later be informed by lifeguards that this was not permitted. The absence of clear, well-positioned signage meant I was unintentionally non-compliant. This is not just an issue for local dog owners but also for visitors who are unfamiliar with the specific rules of different areas. Additionally, I have spoken to people who, due to past traumatic experiences with dogs, actively avoid off-leash areas but have found themselves in those spaces due to poor signage. In one case, a woman who had previously been hospitalised from a dog attack unknowingly entered an off-leash area because there was no clear warning. Recommendation: Install larger, more visible signs at all entry points to parks and beaches. Use colour-coded maps that clearly indicate on-leash and off-leash zones, with legible explanations and repeat signage at points where the rules change. Ensure that seasonal restrictions are clearly stated and positioned in a way that visitors cannot miss. Add wayfinding markers along trails to reinforce where off-leash zones begin and end.
4381	Support	Transparency is critical.
4924	Do not support	I preferred simple time and access rules across Auckland with few exceptions. Simple and easily followed. Allowing every local body to make up their own rules is not helpful and has caused much confusion. People travelling do not understand why it changes all over Auckland. Have a few basic rules, reward good etiquette and good dog control

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5580	Do not support	I would like the status quo to remain
6105	Support	The current system is confusing, and information is hard to find. This definitely needs streamlining to help dog owners find and understand this.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
3	Support	Whatever rules are made they should be enforced. Dogs are not permitted on
214	Do not support	This change needs clarifying.
319	Support	Please explain your justification for the rules set. Note "to make it easier to follow the rules", translated to one set of rules for all areas, is not justification.
566	Support	Unless in specified areas dogs should be kept on leash to ensure owners have a) control and b) pick up the poo.
607	Support	Make sure that, when setting rules, equal access to shared spaces is upheld. It is not currently. Make sure rule-setters understand that it is discrimination otherwise, and that most potential reasons for excluding dogs (and therefore dog owners) from having equal access can be resolved by requiring dogs to be ON-LEASH so that is not an excuse. Neither is 'people don't obey the rules'. Those people are criminals. Most New Zealanders are not criminals and must not be treated as if they are criminals.
706	Support	It is important to confirm the council value the safety and enjoyment of humans over dogs.
771	Support	Only after discussion with stakeholders and those experienced in the industry
776	Support	Rules and regs should be transparent - as should the process for setting them.
864	Support	Dogs should have access to beaches all year round if they under control, on a lead and remain with their owners. There should be more fenced dog parks etc available, like in other countries. Auckland has too many restrictions on dog access when your dog if kept on a lead should be able to adventure out with you.
1308	Do not support	clarifying rules sounds like there will simply be blanket rules put across all council areas without thought into the actual area, and reducing spaces that dogs can be taken.
1358	Do not support	Currently New Zealand is not a particularly dog friendly country. More access for dogs is needed. Whatever rulemaking process is used now is resulting in rules that are too restrictive.
1367	I don't know	I understand that on public beaches the dogs need to be on leash 10am to 5pm in Summer, however, I think it's stupid if you're limited to that time and we have a days of bad weather where nobody is on the beach but rules still prohibit dog owners of using the beach outside of that time
1385	I don't know	I want to know what the dog access rules are that you want to clarify
1676	Support	Too many dogs off lead. Eskdale Reserve - please consider too as our wee Daycare likes to take children on short Bush Walks.

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2005	Support	I use Long Bay Park and would like to know why the area north of the Vaughan stream has been excluded for dogs at all times. In summer there are frequently bones / foods / rubbish left in the park which are tempting for dogs walking on the beach so I tend to leash my dog for the length of the beach and then let him play at the end. He is not disturbing anyone or any birds in this area.
2290	Do not support	Depends on what access rule are
2679	I don't know	I think it made it much more simple when the rules were the same for every beach in Auckland rather than just picking on our local ones. I do understand the need for saving the dotterals but most of us have stayed away or put our dogs on lead.
3332	I don't know	If it is to support dog owners then i would support, if it is to make it harder for animal lovers to walk there dog then I would not support it
3446	Support	Keep it simple. No restriction on Dog Access as long as they're on leash in all public areas. They only allowed to run around in designated, fenced Dog Parks
3824	Support	It seems that there is becoming less and less places in which a dog owner can take their dog for an off leash run. Our dog is quite timid so a dog park would not suit him at all.
3842	Do not support	Since the information is not clearly presented, I am against it.
4354	Support	I was bitten by a medium size petagree, dog Las year off of lesh
4730	Support	I want to know before changes are made, how these decisions are made and who the bright spark is that makes the decisions that effects others.
4760	Support	People don't follow the rules anyway, particularly when walking on the beach, if there is no one to reinforce the rules what is the point. Dogs run wild on Orewa beach and nothing is done about it.
5712	Do not support	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely!
6081	Support	I think it is important dog owners are fully aware of these proposed changes prior to new rules being set so they have an opportunity to have a say. Promulgation to all registered dog owners should occur as these are the people that it is mostly impacting.
6396	Support	Would appreciate this information
6431	Support	It is helpful for dog owners to expect the consistent rules, for instance if they take their dog with them in the car and need to let them out for exercise in a different park or beach from the one they usually go to.

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6494	Do not support	Once again, you should already have clarity in all that you do. Why is this a proposed change? This suggests that you currently do not clarify how dog access rules are set? There should always be public feedback to help create these access rules and it is the responsibility of the council to communicate this in such a way to ensure that all dog owners are aware of any proposed changes. Is this not the job of council to work for it's ratepayers? Why therefore was there not an email sent out to all dog owners (as you have our details with dog registration) to create an awareness around these proposed changes so that every dog owner in Auckland has the ability to have their say. Why does it always feel like the council cannot be trusted to do the right thing. For such an organisation, it's ability to communicate itself in a more efficient manner always baffles me. Communication is key.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
407	Support	Ban pitbull type dogs
521	Support	Again, clarification is valuable, as long as changes are not implemented without consultation.
541	Support	Dog rules should be set following ratepayer consultation, NOT as a result of a few complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!!
2216	Support	Signs need to be larger and better posted so that people can see dog access
2333	Support	we live in Golflands. According to the councils website dogs can be off the leash in the childrens playground area. Very silly idea as the playground is for children NOT dogs!
2516	I don't know	Not enough places accept dogs Hence why owners have no choice but to leave them at home in attended heaps
2692	Do not support	Again, focussing on the wrong areas completely. Clarifying how they are set is fine but the approach taken to dog access rules is wrong and unfair.
4225	Support	I feel dog rules should be a public consultation with all in a democratic way. I feel there may be undue influence in Council by certain people in the community with a great dislike of companion animals, and behind closed doors. This is not democratic.
4629	Do not support	Current laws are fine
5235	I don't know	I suggest a requirement that dog owners walk their dogs to the left in heel position (as we drive on the left hand side of the road). It's not only access rules that need looking at but how owners control their animals. Education should be a requirement for dog owners. Presently scooters, pushchairs, bike riders and dog walkers occupy the footpath. Dogs and others should keep left or go on the berm and give way to those walking.
5832	I don't know	I want to know how dog access rules are set and why there are areas that don't even allow on lead dogs. It affects where we go for a walk.
6051	Support	Clear reasons why access is determined as such and that it has been in consultation with public and dog users. Consistent application across the whole of auckland reduces confusion and perceived rule breaking

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6333	Support	Dog access rules should be enforced
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
186	Support	Dogs need to have an area to socialise and run free, under control. Dogs who don't socialise when young can be a problem. I take my dogs to Muriwai and love how we can do this. Some areas need restrictions
359	Support	It's not clear why dog access rules have to be changed at all (I can only comment on our area), and it appears to be a broad brush approach to make these changes across the region without evidence that the current rules are not working. Where is the proof that dog access needs to be changed? Who/what organisation is driving these proposed changes?
395	Support	If a beach or reserve is 24/7 off leash it should not be used for family recreational activities like swimming or picnics. These limited spaces should be for dogs to exercise and train
705	Do not support	Confining such minimal areas will just cause larger problems. It is not the dogs, it's the owners. Confining dogs off leash areas are too small. My dog personally is better with more space to move away from other dogs. Options on areas means not such confinement which would result in bigger issues - dog fights, human fights, areas ruined.
1449	I don't know	I still do not know how these rules are set.
1523	Support	Those with qualifications and handling experience provide a strong industry and community for our pets. Screening and registering handlers as well would control who can and who cannot handle packs of dogs. An inexperienced handler would most likely have as much trouble with two dogs as 6 and 10.
2072	Support	Please have clear signage on parks/ beaches/ reserves.
3286	Support	Yes - often some beaches and other parks are not as clear nor not the same online and in parks. It would be good to know the updated laws about dog access
4523	Support	Don't get in the way of people's right to enjoy private property. This is hands down not OK
5338	Support	Please ensure they take into account social media reported incidents of problem dogs in certain places.
5379	I don't know	I support clarifying but not changing the rules.
5455	Do not support	It's not broken
5607	Support	It is obvious that rules are followed only by the law-abiding. The vast majority of dog owners are considerate. The truant owners will never obey rules.
6092	Support	Transparency in how dog access rules are determined is essential, but it's also important that dog owners have a clear voice in this process. Public consultation should be a standard part of any changes to ensure balanced and fair outcomes.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	I don't know	No idea what "clarify" means. You cannot call this consultation if there is no clarity about the intention of the proposal.
789	Support	So everyone can understand

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4270	Support	especially local input
4321	Support	Supportive of clarity - but I would also be supportive of more dog access to be expanded for responsible dog owners.
6024	Support	There needs to be greater transparency and accountability. Community input from more than the squeaky wheels needs to be heard and not ignored
6050	Do not support	There aren't many places for dogs to roaming freely already without any restriction. Instead of imposing all these rules in place and restrict the freedom of dogs, why not put more resource and shut down the unlicensed breeder or impose huge fines for owners that have been constantly breach the law. Set up a line for reporting unsafe and roaming dogs only.
6123	Support	Transparent criteria would also be good. For example keeping children safe as they use playgrounds and parks.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
1788	Support	how are these decided if the local community isn't consulted, nor is there a census on the amount of dogs and dog owners proposed changes would affect.
2011	I don't know	Clarifying how dog access rules are set is a valuable step toward fostering better understanding and compliance among dog owners and the public. However, it is essential that this process prioritizes transparency, considers the root issue of roaming dogs caused by negligent owners, and ensures that responsible dog owners are not unduly restricted.
2076	Support	I believe this is not clear for dog owners at all.
2981	Support	Maps. Please include maps in the clarifications.
3449	Support	This is another area where responsible dog owners are potentially being penalised in favor of individuals who have decided an area is thiers an so dogs are no longer welcome. Sometimes set hours do work, but in some areas it would be nice to go to a park or beach with the family pet and be able to enjoy the day.
4166	Support	There should always be clarity on such matters. Just as much as there should always be a clear ability for the people living here to question and change the rules if they are not suitable to the situation.
4792	Support	Put some signage up to say guide dogs are permitted in shops and everywhere that their owners go. There appears to be no communication between councils, public bus transport and business shops. Not being racist, most of these issues appear to be non NZ people related.

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5620	Support	The Beautification Trust supports clarifying how dog access rules are set to ensure transparency, consistency, and stronger enforcement. Clear, well-structured rules will help prevent ongoing issues such as uncontrolled dogs in sensitive areas, including the Puhinui Stream, where continued environmental degradation threatens local ecosystems despite existing restrictions. It is also essential that dog access rules reflect the needs of all park users. Community participation in setting these rules ensures a balanced approach—one that considers public safety, environmental protection, and the social and wellbeing benefits of dog-friendly spaces. By providing clear guidelines on how decisions are made, Auckland Council can foster greater public trust, encourage responsible dog ownership, and create parks that are safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.
6215	Do not support	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to dog access laws and urge the council to keep the current policy in place. These changes are unnecessary, unfair, and target the wrong audience. The existing Dog Policy 2019 already provides a balanced approach that considers public safety, responsible dog ownership, and the well-being of dogs. The proposed restrictions will significantly reduce access to off-leash areas, despite no substantial evidence of increased risk or public concern that justifies such drastic measures. Rather than punishing responsible dog owners and well-behaved dogs, the council should focus on better enforcement and education for the minority who do not follow the rules. Blanket bans and excessive restrictions penalize the majority of responsible pet owners while doing little to address genuine issues. Additionally, changing the language of the policy to frame dogs as a “nuisance” rather than a valued part of the community is deeply concerning. Dogs provide companionship, improve mental and physical health, and contribute to vibrant local communities. Limiting their access to public spaces goes against the very principles the council should uphold Please listen to the thousands of Auckland dog owners who want fair and sensible policies. I do not support these proposed changes, and I ask the council to reconsider.
6513	I don't know	What I would really like to see is an emphasis on responsible ownership. Dogs should only be purchased from licensed breeders or adopted from shelters. Each owner should have to attend compulsory training sessions to teach dog obedience and ensure that owners can control their dogs.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
639	Do not support	There's already too many rules and restrictions.

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990	Do not support	Hidden away in the Table on Page 10 of Appendix C: Comparison Table of existing and Proposed Policy, Bylaw, regional park and local dog access rules- https://hdp-au-prod-app-ak-haveyoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/8117/3688/7874/Appendix_C_Comparison_Table.pdf is the only place I can find in all of your documentation that you are proposing to change Big King (Te Tatua) from off leash to on leash. We live in Mt Wellington and Big King is the only fully contained and safe to use off leash park for our dog. Most dogs cannot be fully exercised unless they are allowed to be off leash and explore at their pace. We have been using Big King for the past 4 years and have never had any issues with the dogs or people that take their dogs there for off leash exercise. Dogs that do not get fully exercised are liable to become agitated and bored and problematic at home. I implore you to not change Big King from off leash to on leash.
2545	Do not support	Auckland parks are for everyone. not just sports people. children create more damage to parks and the environment than most animals.
4470	Do not support	This seems like a good idea I'm theory but the more red tape the less access. Do not support.
4876	Support	Transparency is crucial to get compliance.
5500	Support	Without adequate off lead exercise areas and options people won't follow rules. Council should consider helping dog owners to identify off lead areas or provide alternatives. Small exercise areas can create more issues for dog socialisation and don't give enough space to properly exercise your dog.
6031	Support	It is very confusing to have differing rules in the same area, e.g. Monte Cecilia Park, Taumanu Beach, Piha, etc. Dog owners seem to choose the off-leash option and ignore the on-leash and "no dogs allowed" restrictions, often resulting in negative consequences for nature (e.g. endangered wildlife) and the public.
6107	Support	Please make it clearer why dog access rules are set. Many dog owners do not seem to understand that there is anything to consider other than the rights of their dogs, so for instance in areas where our native flora and fauna should be protected it needs to be made clear that is why dogs are not allowed. I am sure there are people who don't care about that but at least it gives a clear reason. Please include as a reason for no dog access as the safety, comfort and care of children. I feel that dog owners seem to think that their dog's rights are greater than anything else on earth and we have so many places where dogs get priority at the moment and all and everyone else need to accept that and this is simply wrong. Dogs are not more important than children. People can love their dogs like children but the dogs can not be given more spaces, rights and value than children.
6220	Support	It should be community led not punitive by the council.
6581	Support	we need more off leash places

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ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
183	Do not support	The current rules are working. Prosecution bad owners.
519	Support	This land is for people also. Here dogs seems to have more value than people. All are not per friendly person. I have NEVER been able to enjoy going to the beach or local parks or even walk as daily exercise because of dogs left loose around all the time.
535	Support	Clarity , sometimes it seems that the council is anti dogs e.g not being allowed on beaches even with a lead for most of the day
600	Support	I would really like to see some emphasis on dog free areas. Currently all my local parks are dog off lease (with the exception of a steep bush gully with a walkway). It would be nice to have some areas where you are not bothered or intimidated by dogs.
610	Support	I do support dog access in most places but I also support people being able to look after their dogs and train them enough to have them in those places
643	Support	I don't even understand what this means, so yes I would like clarity.
691	Support	Owners should be given more say in dog laws. We've noticed that ONE complaint can start the ball rolling for change. This is crazy, there will ALWAYS be someone who complains, to the detriment of everyone else!
741	Support	Include tighter rules for times dogs have access to certain beaches
818	I don't know	"Clarification" should be easy once we know who is going to set the rules.
962	Support	Access rules should be more like Europe where dog owners are responsible for their pets and accountable for their actions.
1128	Support	Clarity is always a good thing. Just don't want more restrictions put on dog owners
1135	Support	Be clear and concise with respect for owners and the dogs
1421	Support	Clarity is always good. It should also tend to default to being permissive when setting rules rather than restricting without a really compelling reason.
1905	Do not support	Dogs need more room to roam, the rules are changing too often, and they are always reduced. dog exercise areas need to increase, more off leash areas are needed. this is why aggressive behaviors are increasing because dogs keep getting packed into smaller and smaller off leash areas. more off leash areas. reduce restrictions. more beach access. access the beach during the summer.
2122	Support	It needs to be clear that all parties have been fairly heard and non biased decision makers are in place.
2712	Support	Auckland is so complicated for dog owners with all the different rules for different places. The laws keep changing which further complicates understanding. I also do not agree with some rules in particular places and want to know why there are are restrictions in certain areas. I worry that a minority complain of dogs in certain areas and then this leads to complete restrictions (i.e., the minority take precedence over the majority). I like the idea of clarification on access rules.
2752	Support	Explain why with an import explanation . Signage or else there would be no rule to be aware of.

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3107	Do not support	The change is based on a redundant and out-dated view of dogs (big & dangerous) & owners. While there are irresponsible dog owners in the minority - the majority of dogs & their owners are well trained, socially adjusted, contained, clean, small in size & socially important for the health & wellbeing of Aucklanders, A blunt instrument is being proposed that will punish dogs & owner's freedoms and our access to common spaces that are for all to enjoy. You're not fixing anything; you're neglecting to face the problem head on. The issue that should be addressed is responsible dog ownership. In Switzerland you must first demonstrate ability to become a good dog owner before you're allowed to bring a new pup home - they complete a course & take a practical & written exam. Responsible dog ownership (also in France & the UK) includes dogs allowed on buses, in restaurants/cafes, shops, museums, local parks, hotels - culturally the nation has moved on from dogs as hunters, fighters, working on farms to kind gentle creatures that are an extension of whanua. We don't go anywhere without our pup - to that end it's our freedom you're curbing, not just that of the dog. I would visit a lot more places & be more active/participatory if Akld was canine-friendly (instead of Uber Eats I'd spend my money at Akld businesses who are currently struggling). In Germany laws discourage pet owners from leaving their dogs at home for too long, In Hungary microchipping is mandatory, a program to make neutering affordable, rules to ensure every dog gets the minimum required exercise every day. In France messy footpaths were solved by adding more poop/doggy bag stations (again dog owners can subsidise the cost). Have you considered delineating dog rules based on the type of breed & size of dog? Owners paying more to register a dog in order to recoup council costs of legislating the rules seems fairer. On our affluent street we have a very large mastiff owned by a family for security - he has no space to run & isn't walked, so he howls all the time. Where is the genuine Akld Council focus on the welfare of animals? I'm disappointed you're not taking the opportunity to modernise & pay attention to what's happening in your communities - the proposal is not relevant in these
3358	Support	Absolutely yes, to have any local board or Auckland Council as a whole make changes without any consultation or compromise is undemocratic.
3430	Do not support	Request for change seems to come from interested parties who have little empathy for anyone apart from their own interests. And this extends to decision makers who simply do not like dogs. These new rules will not enhance and improve dog ownership, by restricting free access and inclusion into family orientated activities. Emphasis should be on training, licensing of dogs, owners, enforcement of existing laws, not limiting the ability to have a well exercised and sociable dog
3508	Do not support	If there are people who don't like dogs that won't work.
3749	Support	As above I favour a simple traffic light system (Red - prohibited, Orange - on lead only and Green - off lead) with these same rules applied year round regardless of time of day or season.
3753	Support	Dog owners from each district need to have a representative voice in setting dog access rules.

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3796	Do not support	I think we should keep the status quo and not chance access to community spaces.
3963	Do not support	Police the trouble not good owners who look after there dogs and are responsible walkers
3992	Support	Because I don't think the wider picture is being taken into account
4117	Support	Access rules to parks is unsatisfactory as they currently stand. Dog owners are high users of parks. In practice they merge in park s with other users seamlessly without problem. The perception of dog poo on playing fields is unfounded, exaggerated and discriminatory. Based on this logic humans should be banned from parks because of the large amount of littering by them. Some of which is disgusting. Dog owners (99%) are responsible and productive members of the community. Active dogs need large flat areas to run and play. At Michaels Reserve we share our road reserve for sports parking which has adverse effects and inconvenience to us, pay our rates and keep an eye on the park.. Legally the Council has confined unleashed dogs to a relatively small steep side of the park. In fact dog owners use the playing fields because you cannot throw balls, gather together as a dog community on slopes that in winter are treacherous and unsafe, guaranteed to lose balls and not where dogs want to be.. In practice the de facto situation works well for all park users. The Council needs for example at Michaels Reserve increase the lease free area to cover all the playing fields excluding the children's play ground south of the new recreation pavilion. Similarly large areas in other parks. The guiding principle should be all park users play and merge together. Common sense dictates that dogs do not go into a cricket/soccer match when being played or interfere with practises
4419	Support	As long as this is done by a panel with input from dog owners
4570	Do not support	Doing a blanket approach to banning all dogs on barely used/ potential sports fields across Auckland then has a drastic and disproportionate impact on the change to Madills Farm. It is a very drastic step for Madills Farm with little evidence if any to say any damage done on those fields is dog related versus the significant damage done by the human usage especially in wet weather with sprigged boots.
4863	Support	Dog rules need active enforcement from council. Too many off leash dogs in on leash areas (parks, playground, footpaths) putting children at risk. Need major public campaigns to change attitudes and make owners aware of the risk their dog off leash can pose to children. Need better signage at parks and council patrolling and fining owners breaching rules. Need to refocus towards child safety.
5183	Do not support	Many Thousands of Auckland city rate payers have dogs. You would like to deny and even punish them for accessing the very areas they pay for. Get real.

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5520	Do not support	Will support only if it gives more access for dogs to public parks and area. Responsible owners are good people, again please don't target good dog owners. Yes, there are bad dog owners, those are the one who should be targeting.
5751	Do not support	I pay rates to enable me to be a responsible person where it comes to my family - that includes my dog. I pay for the upkeep of these parks and recreational areas - therefore I should be able to be able to play with and enable to let my dog run and play. BUT also be responsible.
6054	Do not support	If rules aren't enforced, what's the point? Restricting responsible dog owners while others ignore the rules achieves little. Are you targeting the right people? The findings report mentions focusing compliance efforts on the worst offenders, but the proposed changes don't seem to align with that. Instead, they place more restrictions on responsible owners while those who already ignore the rules are unlikely to change their behaviour. Where is the targeted enforcement that was supposed to be the priority? A better approach would be to improve the rules and enforce them effectively. Higher fines could offset the costs of increased compliance efforts, and repeat offenders could lose the right to own a dog in Auckland (or NZ) for a set period. I'm not currently a dog owner, but I recognise the value they bring to a city—both for individuals and the community. If these rules make dog ownership harder or less appealing, fewer people will choose to have dogs. Over time, this could make Auckland a less desirable place to live, as pet-friendly cities tend to be more vibrant and community-oriented. Consider updating registration fees to incentivise responsible ownership—offering a discount for dogs with DNA on file. This could help identify owners who fail to pick up after their dogs, with fines set at a level that covers enforcement costs.
6185	Support	I'd like to better understand your approaches to your rules.
6217	Do not support	I support the willingness to clarify not the removing off leash access everywhere as it seems this so called clarification implies
6229	Do not support	Stay out of our lives. We don't want or need council busy bodies dictating how we manage our pets
6379	Do not support	Once again there are constant changes and access has become too restrictive in most areas
6566	Support	Reasons for change must be clear and logical and publicly stated.
6596	Do not support	are review of the current policy appears to set out well how dog licenses are required
6772	Support	The rules should be fairly set. Taking irresponsible dog owners accountable and not penalising all owners and dogs instead.

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6785	Do not support	I do not want any change to the existing rules, mainly because I cannot see what I would be saying Yes to.
6787	Do not support	Council has introduced these changes as merely 'updating and clarifying' some rules, but what they are actually proposing are huge restrictions on dog walking and in particular off-leash exercise. In most cases, the evidence provided is both weak and does not meet the threshold criteria for proposing changes, but has been worded in such a way that council believes it has the right to propose these changes. The policy requires there to be a 'structural change' or a 'significant risk' before any change should be considered and the evidence that has been provided is low impact and tenuous at best. The proposed changes are directly contradictory to the core principle of the current policy to "Recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access is essential for dog welfare" S1(a) A requirement to consider all "practicable alternatives" AND that 'displaced dog owners and their dogs have access to other places as part of the same decision' S6" The proposed changes are NOT simple clarifications, they are significant rewriting of the core principals and objectives of the policy. Based on the documents provided there was no clear and validatable evidence on why these changes should be adopted. The findings of the reports have been written in a way that seems to favour a predetermined outcome to significantly reduce dog access in public places. I STRONGLY disagree with these proposed changes.
6835	Support	Working in child health, we see that the harm. All dogs should be leashed in public areas
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
465	Support	Currently lots of the information available is outdated and unclear.
2530	Support	NEEDS TO BE STRONGER RULES
2974	Support	WHEN THEY BECOME A FAMILY MEMBER U SET LIMITED SET RULES FOR YOUR ANIMAL JUST LIKE YOU SET RULE UP 4 YOUR KIDS AN THEY SEEN TO GET ALONG WITH IT QUIET EASILY MY DOGS GET ALONG WITH ALL OUR WHANAU AN FRIENDS WHO COME AN VISITED US FROM ALL OVER THE PLACE
6389	Support	There needs to be more access to parks and areas for walking dog both on leash and off leash.
6691	I don't know	a) that registered dog owners be invited to contribute to working with Auckland Council how dog rules are set. b) dog owners who pay registration for dogs, should have a say
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		

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684	Support	I would ask the council to provide more details on the "on-leash" and "off-leash" areas. For example, the Bylee Drive Reserve in Conifer Grove, South Auckland. It had a board saying the "north side" is off-leash, the instruction is rather broad and is unclear where exactly the start and end point is. Often it confuses the neighbours and users of the park, and at times it creates unpleasant encounters between 2 dogs and their owners arguing about the "on/off leash" area. I would suggest having more signs to show the "off-leash" area, so all park users know. Thank you.
1305	Support	I want to ensure that we have enough places for dogs to exercise freely.
1406	Support	It is difficult to find information about where dogs can and cannot access, if they are to be on leash - and sometimes when there is information it does not align with what the rules are at the location
2109	Do not support	Access should be given to ALL areas but control requirements should be made clear and enforced.
2231	Support	Please consider everyone's opinions on this; mostly those of (decent!) dog owners. There are so few dog parks, ESPECIALLY off lead ones, and non dog owners have far too much say.
4455	Support	Dogs should have access to parks, beaches and public places with good people who look after them. Restrictions on this prevent dogs living good lives and will cause further aggression when they can't run and sniff and be dogs
6461	Support	Council definitely need to clarify this. The proposed changes severely increasing restrictions around dog access areas seem excessive and unnecessary given the increase in Auckland's dog population. Please provide the rationale behind the proposed.
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
558	Do not support	Restricting dog park access will only cause more issues and cause more dog parks to become more over crowded
674	Support	This needs to be clarified so that we are aware of whether public places are appropriately, clearly, and sufficiently communicating the rules. The signs need to include a contact person to report to should we find people not following the rules (note: I still see people walking their dogs off leash in one tree hill).
2460	Do not support	I do not support this proposal because it contradicts its stated goal of recognising responsible dog owners and preserving essential off-leash access. While it claims to provide flexibility and diverse public spaces, in practice it severely restricts dog-friendly areas, imposing extensive limitations without presenting clear evidence of actual conflict or risk. This disingenuous approach prioritises an appearance of balance rather than genuinely accommodating dogs' exercise and owners' wellbeing, effectively undermining the stated purpose of the policy.

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2489	Do not support	I don't agree with this proposed change. It says it recognises responsible owners and protects off-leash spaces, but actually adds too many limits without real proof of conflicts. It doesn't feel honest, and it takes away places where dogs can exercise and owners can look after their mental wellbeing.
2810	Support	Anything that helps owners be clear on why access takes a particular form is very welcome. Main reason - doing so removes excuses. This is best seen as an on-going process, driven by analysis of infringements, after the initial set-up.
3653	Support	I am somewhat novice to this level of engagement with contributing to decisions regarding the community I live in and have done so for the past 37 years . However It appears that until something considered contentious arises - such as decisions regarding something within a persons lifestyle that many of us , like myself , are somewhat removed from contributing to decisions regarding our community and our lifestyle . Once this arises some of us have a sudden jolt and try and get informed . I would appreciate clarification regarding the establishment of rules and I suspect m,any others would similarly appreciate this - it would debunk misinformation - such as the perception that a local board with a small number of members can hold a vote and enact changes as a result of that vote to make significant decisions that would impact the broader community
4433	Do not support	The rules that I have seen at beaches, especially on Waiheke Island, and at regional parks such as Monte Cecelia, are very clear so I can't imagine the signs in other areas aren't similarly clear.
4436	I don't know	Blanket policies on dog access, does not always take into account local variations. This especially applies to tidal areas when time of day may not necessarily align with available access due to tide times. Many cemeteries are also located in and around dog walking areas, so denying access to all is an issue, but dogs should always have to be on leash.
6201	Do not support	It is abhorrent that a 'bylaw' delegates everything to a 'policy which can be changed without consultation. In reality, the proposed bylaw actually is "the policy on dogs is the bylaw".

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6267	Do not support	From what has been discussed and presented in the current process, it appears that Council has not properly or adequately researched the actual, quantified and measured risk to the population associated with the current policy and dog walking rules. If the Council is honest in wanting to promote the health, wellbeing and safety of the population then the development of dog walking rules should be undertaken scientifically and opening not just using words like "significant risk" without justification or quantification, hiding behind reference to public comment or reporting of issues. From a scientific point of view basing assessment of the negative aspects of any dog interactions misses the thousands of interactions that occur without issue. The Council has failed to properly account for the positive aspects of dogwalking and only focussed on a narrow subset of negative issues. Overall, Council appears to be proposing sweeping changes that go directly against the Policy on Dogs 2019, notably: * The objectives of the current dog policy to "keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by: maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places" A core principal of the policy to "Recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access is essential for dog welfare" S1(a) A requirement to consider all "practicable alternatives" AND that 'displaced dog owners, and their dogs have access to other places as part of the same decision' S6 The policy also requires there to be a 'structural change' or a 'significant risk' before any change should be considered and yet the evidence that has been provided is low impact, unquantified and tenuous.
6500	I don't know	I am not a councillor or work in the council, therefore have little understanding of how these changes will be more effective or less effective. The proposals talk about changing from one committee to another and there is no clear explanation for this change except to reduce duplication and redundant delegations which does not fully explain the change at all except to align it with the 'Auckland Plan'.
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
749	Do not support	Unless it's an area of ecological significance dogs should be allowed everywhere. It's already hard as it is to go to places with pet.
972	Support	Wildlife should have priority over dogs
1185	Support	This would be useful. It is also incredibly challenging at times to work out where dogs are allowed, both on-leash and off-leash, as there can be discrepancies between information on the council website vs. signage vs. DoC vs. Google.... and often people don't follow them anyhow. Understanding the reasoning will help clarify the rules themselves.

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1252	I don't know	Too many political interests on this subject. Should be done by qualified people.
1300	Support	Justification so that it is clear reasoning is fair and well thought out rather than just a potentially personal bugbear for an elected council member.
1589	Support	If dogs on leads was checked more often, it would enable more places they could be taken. Enforcement is needed to change the culture here. overseas, people are able to take their dogs so many more places and everyone complies with leash requirements. i have experienced this first hand in both the USA and Europe
1646	Do not support	What is wrong with current system that has already been chged half a dozen times over the last 20 years and is becoming more restrictive
1936	Support	Current rules are abstract and hard to understand.
1995	Support	I have no idea how dog access rules are set presently. It feels like access is often denied on whether there are resources to manage the access rather than whether they are suitable or not and that there is not a huge amount of continuity between councils, DOC etc. I completely support areas were at risk wildlife is at risk for instance however it also feels like there are blanket bans in areas where dogs especially on lead offer no real threat.
2129	Support	I am unclear on dog access rules & where they are found
2537	Do not support	The dog rules established work fine. No reason for change.
2638	I don't know	Dog access rule must be set to provide maximum protection to people as a priority and secondly critically endangered native NZ species. If necessary, with separate dog areas and everywhere else banned during busy periods like the height of summer or periods when shorebirds maybe nesting. The main problem being is people readily let their dogs off leash unless a ban is in place.
2640	I don't know	what, exactly, do you mean by "clarify" does it mean more rules and regulations on every day people who pay their rates and taxes?
2716	Support	when setting rules for dogs consideration should be give to allowing dogs to have areas to socialise and exercise and be good canines , the opinion of vets would be helpful and animal behaviourists in this regard.
2828	Support	Ensure that all dog walkers & general users of parks etc are consulted with any proposed changes before they are made.
3227	I don't know	No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles. Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.
3343	Support	Clarification is vital, as well as being able to chance excessive dog access rules.
3642	Support	Think a 3 yearly review by the local boards would make this fair and reasonable.
4084	Do not support	Not sure what this means. The statement is unclear.
4123	I don't know	Im not sure what is being proposed here
4175	Support	Transparency would be nice so that the anti-dog groups do not dominate all public access

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4311	I don't know	Your being vague... what clarifications ????
4640	Support	with community consultation more areas should be provided. RDC clearly proved that there were far fewer complaints when dog access was increased.
4821	I don't know	What does Clarify how dog access rules are set mean?
4950	Do not support	This will just be another waste of time and money and will only help you justify an increase to taxes on owning a dog.
5013	Do not support	Changes are unnecessary more advocate and campaigning for animal training would help all of these issues and more
5275	Support	Please spend some time in dog walking areas across the day. Some of us walk our dogs at 6am to avoid the morons with out of control dogs.
5432	Support	Clarifying the existing rules are good. However I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.
5437	Support	Dog owners will always be the minority due simply to the number of people in the Auckland region and the practicalities of having a dog. Dog owners themselves are not sufficiently consulted.
5440	I don't know	What does this mean?
5952	Support	Clear access rules with areas allowed, no of dogs, time and especially must keep away from sports field
6170	Do not support	Should be able to take your dog to all parks, beaches etc. As long as they have good recall
6387	Support	see below
6470	I don't know	I am not sure what is meant by dog access rules.
6578	Do not support	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules effect everyone
6599	Do not support	I think some areas are quite suitable for dog walking eg beaches which are not frequent used in winter Dogs need exercise areas and socialising with other dogs and to ban dogs from beaches etc as a blanket rule makes dog ownership difficult
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
129	Support	Should involve the industry in the decision making

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846	Do not support	I do not support this suggestion as it seems unlikely to achieve meaningful engagement. The majority of people will not read or engage with detailed clarifications of dog access rules, aside from a small number of nerd with too much free time to waste. Rather than focusing on administrative clarifications, the Council should prioritise practical matters relating to animal control, eg: ☐ Addressing broader issues, such as the management of stray animals (including cats) ☐ Enhancing education and public awareness about responsible pet ownership ☐ Allocating resources to improve enforcement and community engagement in a way that has a tangible impact.
1140	Support	The current rules are too restrictive to dog owners, especially for the ones that have well behaved dogs and cannot access most of the ammenities in Auckland. Very frustrating living in a place where you can't choose freely where to bring your dog or only finding out dogs are not allowed when you arrive.
1141	I don't know	We need more clarity on dog access on the council website but where the rules come from doesn't matter. The subject matter experts should decide that- in favour of wildlife protection.
1165	Support	It should be auckland wide and not specific areas
1166	I don't know	What does this even mean? Vague again.
1218	I don't know	Bring the cats regulations!!! The cats must be registered, chipped, not allowed to wonder around without owners. Example: a cat came to our property, attacked 2 our dogs. One dog almost died, we paid over \$2000 of excess insurance costs for surgery and hospitalisation. No way to even find whose the cat was, why it was in our enclosed backyard.
1394	Do not support	The council is again ignoring the underlying issues that responsible Dog owners are being penalised for people who get dogs and let them roam, don't look after them, it would be more efficient to increase penalties against those people who have dogs under their control and are not looking after them appropriately to be prosecuted.
1637	Support	Some places are simply not suitable for dog's
3652	Support	I tried to find out if unleashed dogs are allowed on Long Bay beach and went to the council website- it stated they are not allowed on Long Bay beach unleashed- I'm sure this is not correct- try for yourself to enter Long Bay beach into your website - and you will note it is not clear at all
4488	Support	The dog access rules need to be more clear, as I have found that when looking on the council website for places to take my dog, these are outdated or don't have a clear list of where we can and cannot go.
5447	Do not support	Im disgusted at how dogs are made to be the problem and have limitations pushed on them but the humans are the ones destroying out parks and beaches. The dirty nappy was left in our local park.

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5685	Support	Again rules need to be sensible achievable and created by those that own the dogs not just those filling in paper, not one idea fits all.
6386	Do not support	I think responsible dog owners already have rules and most of us follow these rules Imposing further rules means more dogs will not be socialised in public and will be left at home and become unsociable
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
420	Support	Not sure. Please provide more info. Too vague a question.
2771	I don't know	Your documents are hard to follow. Your summary does include this information
4484	Support	Restrictions to make all dogs on leash , unless at off leash dog parks.
4734	Support	Because decisions around such matters seem to be made from afar by people with little or no experience/knowledge of areas outside of Auckland cbd
4893	Support	Access should be made simple and parks public places should be available for dogs and their owners to be in under certain rules.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
506	Support	THAT
523	Do not support	The link between caution die back and dogs has never been proven and needs to be removed from consideration, I support restrictions on access for conservation reasons but other restrictions based of how other members of the public "feel" need to be removed from all consideration
634	Support	Most of the rules only punish good dog owners. Those who don't care, don't follow rules and are the cause for antisocial behavior. NZ is really backwards on where you can take your family - yes dogs are family!
1296	Support	This is a waste of time, because access rules will just be ignored, and not enforced.
1519	Support	On leash dogs Must have same access as humans.
1600	Support	Rules should be set based on owner responsibility to ensure the safety of their dog, other animals and humans. Dogs are blamed for human's lack or ignorance to train and protect their dogs.
3639	Support	It would be good to know how access rules are set and have an opportunity to challenge the rules.
4571	Support	In general dog owners in Auckland don't seem to care or know about the current rules. No point setting rules if you don't let dog owners know about them. they should have test on registering their dogs.
4732	Support	Have prepared a paper which will be sent by email to 'dogsbylawreview'
4827	Do not support	I do
5582	Do not support	Auckland Council has an increasingly anti-dog policy which I do not support. Access should be increased for on-leash dogs, not decreased. This country is in stark contrast to countries overseas who understand that dogs are part of life.

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5652	Do not support	I want to know how dog access rules are set BUT not as part of this consultation e.g. the consultation will close, , then you'll change the rules, then you'll tell us how access rules are set. You should be explaining it now so that we can comment on that.
5909	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed at public parks
6447	Do not support	More likely to be erosion of dog owners rights
6765	Do not support	Existing dog rules often reflect the diverse nature of the Auckland region. Adopting a 'one-size-fits-all' approach will mean local communities preferences will be ignored and policy will be set by the grumpiest and most litigious residents of a handful of wealthy suburbs.
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
112	Support	There needs to be a discussion
162	Support	As above I often encounter dog owners hostile the idea that there are restrictions on where they may let their dogs off leash.
366	Support	I would like to but not until I've seen the proposed changes. From what are they know and what is being proposed would be really helpful.
370	I don't know	What does 'access rules' mean?
454	Support	Dog owners currently think the rules are designed to annoy them.
560	Support	Please include dog owners and vets
835	Do not support	Auckland is already significantly behind the rest of the developed world in terms of where we can take dogs. These changes will make it even harder. Children can/do often cause more damage than dogs.
1474	Support	clarifying is required as it can be unclear. however, keeping areas that are designated on-leash need to remain, but the leash needs to be a standard leash not a long leash. this allows owner to dictate the actions of the dog. Longlines are not appropriate for areas where wildlife may be effected. But this can be solved with the use of standard length leashes - enforce this, don't take these areas away.
1544	Do not support	YOU ALREADY HAVE SO MANY IN PLACE, i seriously don't understand what more you need.
2184	Do not support	Dogs should have access to any parks on and off lead
4584	Do not support	there are already rules as to where we can and cant go with our dogs, it's about controlling the out of control dogs and dog owners not punishing all dog owners.
5011	Support	Dog owners need to be made more aware of these proposed changes and given more time and opportunities to provide feedback. The council are basing changes on the behaviour of a small amount of owners and their dogs behaviour which is having a huge negative impact on the majority of responsible dog owners. The wording is complicated and the signs are hard to understand.

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5366	Do not support	The principles set out in the policy do not adequately recognise the importance off leash exercise for dog welfare. The principles refer to dog access being essential for dog welfare but fail to recognise that dogs require off leash time to properly exercise for their welfare. Amend policy 3.6.1 to add "including off leash exercise" so that it reads "recognise responsible dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access, including off leash exercise, is essential for dog welfare."
5618	Support	Most dog owners are responsible so shouldn't be penalized for irresponsible behaviors. Minimize rules is a good strategy long term.
5964	I don't know	Is this for rules on off leash, I think changing the rules for off leash to on leash is ridiculous! How is that good for dogs mental health, to be social and for fintsss and over all health?
6182	Do not support	Clarifying sounds like 'change' Any change should be made clear and be put to consultation
6445	Support	I think it is very important there are places people can take and walk their dogs. I agree wildlife and the public need to be safe, but it seems that more and more dogs are having to use less spaces, which can have implications. I also think it's important there are safe spaces for dogs - eg more offleash areas, and Offleash areas without karaka trees (potentially life threatening)
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
80	Do not support	We don't need more rules. Dog owners should have rights too.
2455	Support	i have dogs
2819	Support	I'd love to understand the process those that set the dog access rules use. It often appears dog welfare is not taken into consideration at all.
4025	Do not support	Current Access to Off lead parks/ Areas should be retained Dogs/Owners need to be Licenced & training to let dogs off lead
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Do not support	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
2235	Support	Dog access rules should be clarified, in my view an offleash dog in an urban environment should be muzzled. It would make it much easier for animal control agents to respond. If a dog was spotted wandering and not muzzled it could be quickly contained,

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2584	Do not support	You are not clarifying those rules. You are over complicating these rules and create more confusion. I have the right to take my dog with me when I want and need. I should apply one rule for any location I go to. I should not have to check every single time and then have to spend an hour to simply plan when and how I can take my dog with me. If my dog is well behaved enough to be in a household and considered a pet then the assumption should be that whatever I am my dog should be allowed in the same way I am. You are discriminating against me simply because I have decided to adopt a dog! This is unfair and against my human rights! Stop spending tax money like this and target dog owners that need to be educated!
2652	Support	Yes this should be clarified - without a clear reason and goal no one can challenge them.
4150	Support	Same as earlier. Too confusing and too restrictive at the moment. I understand the need to conserve and preserve flora and fauna, but it's important to be able to have access to parks to exercise and socialise dogs using off and on lead areas.
5466	Do not support	Why limit access dogs have. They already have very limited access as it is, lets limit access humans have and then see how it goes down
5514	Support	In setting clarity, aim to keep dog owners and their dogs' rights in mind. Dog policies should have responsible dog owners as key priority, and not people who have no dogs and are just commenting for the sake of attention.
5884	Support	This is understandable with a growing population. So long as wildlife protection is at the forefront of restricting or denying dog access, I do not think many people would have an issue. The problem lies where restrictions are applied for no other reason but people not liking the idea that dogs are around.
6408	Support	Pet access must be secondary to people - especially vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly. There have been horrific attacks on children due to pet owners not being responsible.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
932	Support	They should be evidence based and information based. They should look at what other countries have implemented and what has been successful in alleviating the issues they have identified.
4517	Support	If you're going to make a rule- it needs to be clarified on why and how the decision has been made as it affects the industry and Auckland dogs greatly