
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3G. Pākiri Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
375	I do not support the proposed change	Not supported by an evidence this is required
636	I support the proposed change	As previously, I would prefer that dogs are not allowed on beaches at all but support what Council proposes.
960	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have the right to enjoy all beaches under control of their owners, if owners do not have control harsh penalties should be enforced.
982	I do not support the proposed change	You are add extra pressure to families by making dog walking extremely difficult. For locals/guests Will have to walk their dogs on the narrow country roads making it very dangerous.
1198	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1530	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think that dogs should be prohibited from the beach.
2358	I support the proposed change	I just wanted to give positive feedback on these changes, as I know you will get a lot of reactions. I absolutely support prohibiting dogs from areas like these, where our precious native birds need to be protected. As a person without dogs, I also appreciate being able to be in places like the beach without having dogs run up to and bark at me, which happens a lot. I really think more priority needs to be given to native wildlife and the general conservation of areas than dog owners, even though they may be a vocal majority.
2528	I do not support the proposed change	It's a great beach for dogs. What are the reasons for further prohibition? None given.
2781	I do not support the proposed change	This is a blanket rule affecting a large beach - it would be preferable to exclude dogs from a portion of the beach that is busy with beach goers in summer.
2784	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
3996	I support the proposed change	It is very important to protect the nesting birds at Pākiri. I definitely support this change.
4324	I support the proposed change	Protection of our native treasures.
4368	Other (please explain below)	I have general concerns about any restriction of green areas where people and dogs can exercise. Especially on 'conservation' grounds, as I fear that such changes are driven more by ideology than fact or science. Also that these changes are not addressing more fundamental concerns about dogs in Auckland - undercontrolled breeding, which underpins growing issues like free-wandering, menacing, attacks on other dogs, cats, people, wildlife - in the final analysis all dog related problems including conservation related, are a numbers game. Continual killing at the pounds won't fix. Education and mandated/facilitated/funded de-sexing is required. This general comment from me applies to all the regional parks.

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4412	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4512	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.
4538	I do not support the proposed change	This removes another option of beaches people can take their dogs to. There seems to be no good reason for this. Why is Auckland council making life difficult for dog owners?
4611	I do not support the proposed change	no valid logic for prohibition
4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash walking. I do not support this.
5245	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control then there shouldn't be any issue
5493	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal is too restrictive and dogs should have the ability to access the beach.
5502	I do not support the proposed change	Extremely disappointing to see dog access removed from this popular beach. If wildlife is a concern, would be better to restrict in certain areas - similar to the Piha approach.
6125	I support the proposed change	My dogs have loved running around at Pakiri but I do understand the ecological value of the beach. Even if dogs don't munch fairy terns or oyster catchers, the birds expend a lot of energy running away from dogs. It would be great if somewhere at the park there was a place for a dog walk.
6401	I do not support the proposed change	You cannot go from freedom to use and be there to completely banned.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
1687	I do not support the proposed change	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 likelihood of dogs not being appropriately exercised and will increase built up energy and reactivity/aggression in dogs
1954	I do not support the proposed change	There are already plenty of places that dogs are not allowed, people that don't like dogs can go there. Think of the dogs quality of life having to be on lead all the time. They need to be exercised off lead (as long as under control) for their mental and physical health. You should be going after people that have unruly dogs that are causing trouble, not responsible dog owners that already abide by the rules, because you will find most people do! Have you seen the mess that HUMANS leave behind at our beaches and regional parks, they leave rubbish, cigarette butts and all sorts, you should be going after these people, not dogs.
3149	I support the proposed change	Long overdue proposal to protect endangered wildlife (Fairy Tern) and other rare birds. Also, people enjoying this area.
3688	I do not support the proposed change	AND
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
350	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting

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655	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a lead under control is fine any area
2739	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support off leash being changed to prohibited completely. What are the reasons for this? A lot of dogs will be losing their exercise areas.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5872	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you banning dogs from this beach completely? A beach that dogs are allowed off leash is such a pleasure for well behaved dogs and their families and you are completely removing access to the beach for them. Too harsh.
6088	I do not support the proposed change	There are already very limited places we can take our dog, and the waterbodies provide enrichment, socialization and stimulation; current approach is adequate.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	Not necessary
6434	I support the proposed change	This is how all the parks should be restricted. It respects the environment and it's people.
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
1412	I do not support the proposed change	It is already ridiculously hard to find places to walk dogs ESPECIALLY if you want to allow the dog to be off leash. We claim to be a country that loves animals but there are very few places that you can actually take a dog which is crazy considering almost one third of Aucklanders have dogs. Summer is particularly difficult as it is so hot during the day, and you can't walk the dog unless it is at a beach or river where they can play in the water to cool down. However, the council continues to make this harder and harder particularly in summer. Either provide more beaches that are dog friendly and create more dedicated dog friendly off leash parks and walks that aren't small boring areas, around the whole of Auckland. Or at the very least do not put this proposal in place. You claim that the reason for these changes is to minimize risk in these areas. The reasonable solution would to be to create somewhere that people can go instead.
2258	I do not support the proposed change	I don't want my dog on leash prohibited.
2375	I do not support the proposed change	What a shame again. Too much restrictions that are not strictly motivated by birds protection. Lack of freedom is a generally matter that matters in a democracy.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	You are limiting places to walk, despite charging a huge licencing fee, for no logical reason.
5399	Other (please explain below)	Why prohibit completely, surely on a leash would be a better alternative

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5419	I do not support the proposed change	Again, reducing the areas dogs can go. I don't agree with it. My understanding is that this beach is horse friendly, that community is fairly isolated so you'll be taking away an important area for dog owners to go.
6317	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners should be allowed to enjoy the area accompanied by their family dog on leash.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
566	I support the proposed change	To limit all the various harms badly behaved dogs cause
607	I do not support the proposed change	I STRONGLY OBJECT. THIS DENIES TOTAL ACCESS!!! You are further discriminating against dog-owning ratepayers by further denying access to public shared spaces. It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY.
690	I do not support the proposed change	More dog access should be granted at this park
763	I do not support the proposed change	We need these beaches for walking the dog
814	I do not support the proposed change	For Auckland Council Governing Body - Forestry Beach (Te Arai South - Regional Park) I OPPOSE the proposal that Dogs are PROHIBITED from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and it's associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above. I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: That dogs have OFF LEASH AT ALL TIMES access to/from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and it's associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above. REASON: Along the 24.5KM coastline from Goat Island to Te Arai Point council are proposing to remove all Dog access (As part of this review Pakiri Beach adjacent to the regional park is also being proposed to move to PROHIBITED from the current OFF LEASH). I believe that retaining dog access to Forestry Beach would be the best location and option for dog access along this coastline. It would future proof for growing needs from the local population of dog owners and for visitors with dogs. It would also allow dogs to be exercised on a leash rather than being restricted to the park.
864	I do not support the proposed change	Pakiri is a beautiful beach that dog owners enjoy there is no reason to limit access

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1026	I do not support the proposed change	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced of dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in gulf Harbour and we have no where to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1137	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed anywhere if controlled and owners pick up poo or the owner should be fined
1150	I do not support the proposed change	No dogs. If you truly want to nesting birds a chance the simple no dogs.
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all regional parks.
1537	I do not support the proposed change	Why can't we access this beach? Unfair
1699	I do not support the proposed change	Again why can a under control on leaddog not be allowed on the beach area
2140	I do not support the proposed change	Same as previous park
2580	I do not support the proposed change	Pakiri is a large, and mostly uninhabited beach. Existing bylaws are adequate and allow dog owners an opportunity to exercise active dogs
4082	I do not support the proposed change	Keep same except no off leash, keep on leash only
4290	I do not support the proposed change	Big enough beach for all to share.
4904	I do not support the proposed change	Leave Forestry and Pakiri beach alone! Council is already responsible for law changes allowing machinery to destroy the foreshore and beauty of Pakiri beach and Forestry (south of TeArai point). Rules to push out campers at TeArai north and south TeArai and these proposed rules restricting open community use of our beaches is another disgraceful example of a few wealthy golf lovers and foreign investors manipulating council and our home. TeArai north appropriately protects nesting birds which is respected by the community. For many years Forrstry (Sth TeArai point)has been one of the only natural environments for all to enjoy including with dogs and horses. We still use the beach with our kids and dog and the wider community still enjoys what's left of the beauty of this space, which works very well as it is. Due to the large extensive open space of Pakiri beach (Forestry) the current rules work well for our beautiful environment and the community work exceptionally well together under the current rules. There is no need to make changes other than to satisfy further political manipulation of local council by wealthy golfers and foreign investors. Most of the year there are hardly any people or pets on the beach, other than those walking with their dogs or riding their horses in an environment unlike any other. Leave this alone and make your rule changes closer to the city and the more densely populated city beaches. Your proposed changes are not welcome.

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5221	I support the proposed change	Beach and foreshore should be for the enjoyment of people.
5430	I do not support the proposed change	Super restrictive and not whanau friendly and doesn't seem to help dog owners at all
5712	I do not support the proposed change	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
5870	I support the proposed change	Pakiri Beach is a key breeding ground for critically endangered birds such as the tara iti (Fairy Tern). Dogs need to be excluded from these bird breeding areas to give the birds a better chance of survival
5946	I do not support the proposed change	Same same
6494	I do not support the proposed change	so currently the signs on Pakiri beach state that dogs are prohibited. So to your current rules and proposed changes I am once again confused with what you are proposing and what is already stated as it feels like the same rule but dressed up differently. So what the ***** does it actually mean as I have not been able to walk my dog on this incredible beach for several years. Once agin, no real clarity in the above. Dogs are allowed under control off a leash on the associated beach. (isn't pakiri beach the associated beach yet they are not allowed??) Dogs are prohibited from the Regional Park.(isn't pakiri beach part of the regional park??) Proposed amended Policy rules Dogs are prohibited from the park and associated beach and foreshore areas (for example Pākiri Beach). This is an incredible beach to walk your dog on and I remember doing it years ago. Why we cannot have a section of this natural resource to use is criminal. Once again no clarity. Talking of this beach, with the changes to the entrance way to the Pakiri beach this too has become at high tide very dangerous. Especially for families with young children. When is council going to address this???? This is highly unsafe.

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HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
541	I do not support the proposed change	There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!!
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous

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2707	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed prohibition of dogs on the associated beach at Pākiri Regional Park. The current rules, which allow dogs off-leash on the beach, provide a fair balance between recreational access for dog owners and environmental protection. Removing this access unnecessarily restricts responsible dog owners and reduces the park's inclusivity. Beaches like Pākiri are rare, valuable spaces where families and individuals can exercise their dogs in a natural setting. Prohibiting dogs entirely punishes responsible owners who already follow off-leash control rules. It also limits opportunities for community members to enjoy the outdoors with their pets, which is an important aspect of well-being for many. The proposed prohibition goes too far and risks alienating responsible dog owners. I urge the council to maintain the current policy, which allows dogs off-leash on the associated beach, and to focus on targeted solutions that protect the environment while ensuring equitable access for all park users.
2856	I do not support the proposed change	This proposed change is not in alignment with any dog access for beaches in NZ. What reporting have you had where dogs have been problematic for any species or the ecological area? What endangered species are particular to Pakiri beach that need protecting? Dotterels and terns only nest at certain times of the year. Restricting dogs permanently is over restrictive and unnecessary. Dogs are not the problem for the ecological area. People are important and it is worthwhile considering them wanting to take their dog to the beach for exercise.
3466	I do not support the proposed change	There is already too many restrictions on dog access. Both Pakiri and Forestry beaches are well utilized by dog owners who respect the need to look after the environment and wildlife.
4566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off-leash access.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners' mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs' overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be banned from regional park
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
160	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
163	I do not support the proposed change	The responsibility should be on dog owners to be able to ensure their dogs are well looked after and under control -but don't stop dogs from enjoying our beaches at the right time of day etc.
289	I support the proposed change	I fully support the proposal

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377	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need safe places to exercise and socialise off lead
1400	I do not support the proposed change	WHY !!! controlled dogs who come out with owners for the day are part of the family and you are already charging me to licence my dog for WHAT . Now you want to stop My enjoyment of yet another beach
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members to us, just like our children. So why are there so many regulations for them?
1654	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control. Families and children should be able to go to the beach with there dogs!!
2511	I do not support the proposed change	It doesn't seem fair or justified to prohibit dogs. Perhaps the usual off leash / on leash hours during winter & summer respectively would be fairer
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2909	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash as part of a family are needed
3286	I do not support the proposed change	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
3464	I do not support the proposed change	Totally unnecessary and unwarranted, as it is New Zealand as a whole is a very dog unfriendly country to own a dog, Auckland and Tauranga council being the worst at it, the board should have been fighting for more access to dogs in malls and restaurants etc, even our biggest Airline doesnt allow dogs to fly on board when other so called less developed countries do. Then again every one goes on about fragile environment and preserve native species, but that is just another way of saying to developers go build 10 townhouses where one used to be and charge a million for it, that will definitely save the fragile environment, but a well trained dog walking on a path will destroy it.
4153	I do not support the proposed change	Pakiri beach is an incredible family spot to visit and many people take their dogs on road trips and camping trips in Northland and would very much like to stop in at Pakiri to see the beautiful beach for themselves. By prohibiting dogs completely, many people will simply not even be able to experience this national treasure at all.
4177	I support the proposed change	As I feel that this could impact bird life and beach goers enjoyment of this beach
4592	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are adding unnecessary restrictions
5138	I do not support the proposed change	It should stay as is
5318	I do not support the proposed change	As per before. Waste of time.
5363	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack. If they are to be allowed, this should be on leash at ALL times... and no more than 1 per person.
5391	I do not support the proposed change	Why the change?? It is a huge beach with plenty of room, what is the problem?

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5459	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibiting dogs completely from 10 to 5 in summer will make it difficult for families that travel from far and want to enjoy the day at the beach. Nowadays they can keep dogs on leash under control in that period and exercise their dogs before or after. Also, this might prevent Aucklanders from enjoying their beaches if they cannot leave their dogs alone at home
5484	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason to totally prohibit dogs on pakiri beach. why not make it the same as the auckland seasonal legislation?
5568	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on a leash or under control no further restrictions are necessary. Don't punish good dog owners. We have as much rights to use our public spaces as everyone else.
5585	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is already sufficiently strict.
5849	I do not support the proposed change	There are few places where dog are allowed off leash. I completely disagree with any further restrictions.
6092	I do not support the proposed change	While protecting wildlife is essential, it's important to ensure that sufficient dog-friendly areas remain available to accommodate the needs of dog owners.
6832	I do not support the proposed change	To limited and plenty of space for all. Nz is becoming a tyrannical place to live!
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be encouraged and rewarded not restricted. Maybe a off leash permit could provide some regulation without restricting open space for good dogs and good owners
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so start ignoring rules entirely. More areas for dogs to be adequately stimulated, exercised and socialized will only lead to better behaved dogs.
2483	I do not support the proposed change	To many restrictions already. Dogs on leash should be allowed. If not reduce registration fees
4772	I do not support the proposed change	Please explain why leashed access is not an option here?
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
5448	I support the proposed change	Too many uncontrolled dogs.
6580	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.

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MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
615	I do not support the proposed change	I would love an off leash area pls
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.
698	I do not support the proposed change	There is no basis or evidence provided to prohibit the dogs from the park. Responsible dog owner/owners should be able to enjoy the beach with their pet in this park.
739	I do not support the proposed change	Again the issue lies with uncontrolled dogs. Those which are well behaved off leash are not the challenge. Propose a strong focus on dog management/ownership vs punishment for all. Recommend an update to 'Dogs which do not have strong recall or can not be controlled off-leash should be on leash at all times'. Focus on the issue and responsible management of these dogs vs punishment for both owners and dogs who are managed, well behaved off leash. This total ban is really unfair on responsible dog owners, its a regression, not tackling the root cause.
1228	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where dogs cannot go, this ban seems unnecessary here. Perhaps make it an on leash area if there are issues.
1437	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control on a leash I think they should have access to the beach
2545	I do not support the proposed change	why
3760	I don't know	Don't know area well enough
3959	I do not support the proposed change	No reason why the dogs cant be allowed there
4211	I support the proposed change	Less dogs on our beaches the better. They intimate people who don't like dogs and make a mess.
4470	I do not support the proposed change	No current issues. Leave it
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Give us the beach 24/7
6107	I support the proposed change	I am extremely supportive of no dogs at Pakiri. With the amazing bird life and dune repairs it is vital this area is protected and preserved.
6124	I do not support the proposed change	Allow dogs to access but on leash only. Dogs are part of a family.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
209	I support the proposed change	Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs.
369	I do not support the proposed change	keep as is

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417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing bad dog ownership, not making it impossible for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
505	I do not support the proposed change	This is restricting dog access to good areas they can cool off and get the exercise they need before continuing to be restrained. If you are prohibiting this area, what area are you opening up for dog exercise and socialisation?
519		They will still have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences for not following the rules.
718	I support the proposed change	Dogs are proven to be damaging to the ecosystem system and wildlife.
917	I do not support the proposed change	It's a huge beach and there should be somewhere allocated for dog owners to take them
947	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash on the beach between 5.00pm and 10.00am
1114	I do not support the proposed change	I feel that areas to take your dog are already very limited, especially over summer and I therefore disagree with restricting, reducing and limiting these areas further Dogs are part of the family and this is such a great beach for long dog walks with generally not a lot of people around
1248	I support the proposed change	Great news. Absolutely right for the environment.
1596	I do not support the proposed change	We do take our friendly black Labrador frequently to the Forest Beach end and it really is the only way in the Mangawhai /Te Arai area for big dogs to enjoy a swim. The car park is close by and our dog is well behaved. There are hardly any people in the morning.
1861	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules fine
1952	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash if under control - at minimum they should be allowed on leash
1957	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to continue to have off leash access to this beach.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.

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2315	I do not support the proposed change	This is unnecessarily restrictive and a disproportionate reaction to the level of issue and complaint that comes from existing dog control bylaws. Many Aucklanders have dogs and this will create further restrictions on their use and enjoyment of our local natural environment. We should put more emphasis on bylaws concerning cats who are actually much more likely culprits in hurting our wildlife, for example.
2399	I do not support the proposed change	These area's are sparsely populated and there is plenty of space on the beaches even in peak holiday season. These beaches do not currently have fairy terns or NZ dotterels nesting there . DResidents of tat area (of which we are some) need open spaces to walk their dogs. The law should state that dogs need to be under control and also that dog-owners pick up their dogs droppings, but dogs should be allowed to run on the beach
2424	I do not support the proposed change	Leashed on beach
2712	Other (please explain below)	What is the point in banning dogs from the beach when you can't even access the beach in the regional park with a dog? I am against the semi-recent ban on dogs on the main part of Pakiri beach where the life guards are. I never saw a chance at public submission for that decision of banning dogs from the main beach.

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3107	I do not support the proposed change	The change is based on a redundant/old fashioned view of dogs (big & dangerous) & owners. While there are irresponsible dog owners in the minority - the majority of dogs & their owners are well trained, socially adjusted, contained, clean, small in size & socially important for the health & wellbeing of Aucklanders, A blunt instrument is being proposed that will punish dogs & owner's freedoms and our access to common spaces that are for all to enjoy. You're not fixing anything; you're neglecting to face the problem head on. The issue that should be addressed is responsible dog ownership. In Switzerland you must first demonstrate ability to become a good dog owner before you're allowed to bring a new pup home - they complete a course & take a practical & written exam. Responsible dog ownership (also in France & the UK) includes dogs allowed on buses, in restaurants/cafes, shops, museums, local parks, hotels - culturally the nation has moved on from dogs as hunters, fighters, working on farms to kind gentle creatures that are an extension of whanua. We don't go anywhere without our pup - to that end it's our freedom you're curbing, not just that of the dog. I would visit a lot more places & be more active/participatory if Akld was canine-friendly (instead of Uber Eats I'd spend my money at Akld businesses who are currently struggling). In Germany laws discourage pet owners from leaving their dogs at home for too long, In Hungary microchipping is mandatory, a program to make neutering affordable, rules to ensure every dog gets the minimum required exercise every day. In France messy footpaths were solved by adding more poop/doggy bag stations (again dog owners can subsidise the cost). Have you considered delineating dog rules based on the type of breed & size of dog? Owners paying more to register a dog in order to recoup council costs of legislating the rules seems fairer. On our affluent street we have a very large mastif owned by a family for security - he has no space to run & isn't walked, so he howls all the time. Where is the genuine Akld Council focus on the welfare of animals? I'm disappointed you're not taking the opportunity to modernise & pay attention to what's happening in your communities - the proposal is not based on the best interests of the community. This is a dog friendly area. Provide better support to responsible dog owners.
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Who was the council star whom thought this one up. Pakihi is a beautiful beach enjoyed by all including dog owners. If a councillor seriously supports this change "put" your name on it.....what a load of rubbish.
3695	I do not support the proposed change	It should be the decision of the dog owner to allow Dogs to be on/off leash rather than a mandated law. I strongly oppose these changes. Strongly oppose full ban on dogs.
4132	I support the proposed change	Restricting the space dog owners have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4700	I do not support the proposed change	This heavy handed approach isn't consistent other beaches and areas in Auckland, and isn't necessary.
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
4775	I do not support the proposed change	This is definitely not necessary. Banning dogs in this area will cause total frustration for dog owners who pay rates and registration fees to be able to have their dogs exercisers freedom to walk their dogs in open spaces
4831	I do not support the proposed change	This is pristine beach which all NZ'ers should get to enjoy.

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5918	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are our companions and we need to be able to share the beaches for exercise.
6116	I do not support the proposed change	Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's strategic plan prioritising higher-density housing, many residents now live without access to private gardens or yards. This makes local parks vital for responsible pet ownership. Denying dog owners reasonable access forces them to travel further afield, which can be impractical and counterproductive to community goals around local engagement and sustainability. 3. Supporting Mental Health and Well-being Dogs play a crucial role in the mental health and emotional well-being of many residents. These restrictions compromise their well-being and happiness.
6122	I do not support the proposed change	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6379	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed under control on the beach with restricted hours and on leash at other times
6388	I do not support the proposed change	The area where dogs are currently permitted (Forest) provides a shady, safe and family and dog friendly option in the area. By far, most of the beach area is dog prohibited and these further restrictions are unnecessary and restricting community enjoyment and freedoms.

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6395	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are excessive, majority of dog owners are responsible and able to exercise their dogs without causing any problems for other park users. Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners.
6673	I support the proposed change	to reduce nuisance and protect wildlife
6772	I do not support the proposed change	Just enforce times and seasons rules
6879	I do not support the proposed change	This seems like a carte blanche restriction inhibiting access, versus an evaluation of are there certain times when access should be restricted
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2245	I do not support the proposed change	Maori land to be determined by iwi you have already had huge push back stop doing it Family and dogs love it there
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
619	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of a family. They should be allowed to accompany their families while being under control and on leash.
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	There are already less and less parks in Auckland where we are allowed to walk our beloved animals.
4455	I do not support the proposed change	No change needed
4619	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed under control and on leash
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
2602	I do not support the proposed change	I like to be able to walk my dog responsibly in beautiful places.
4059	I do not support the proposed change	Council should be looking at ways of improving the number of areas dogs can be exercised and socialised within Auckland. Proposed changes look to limit this considerably. Proposed changes look to penalise good dog owners that do the right thing by limiting access across Auckland rather than addressing the real issue which is irresponsible dog owners with menacing dog breeds.
4565	Other (please explain below)	I think all regional parks should have dogs prohibited at all times. Keep it simple and clear. The parks are not appropriate places for dogs.
5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
6563	I do not support the proposed change	Current policy should remain
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577	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach. There are already limited beaches for dogs. I have patrolled this beach through surf life saving for years and there are limited people let alone protected birds. Dogs and dog owners should have the right to use this beach.
707	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few beaches people can walk and socialise their dogs or enjoy a family day at the seaside with their beloved pets. Forestry beach - at the very northern end of Pakiri - is a very special and valued place for dog owners and is rural enough to not be overly popular with people. If people lose the ability to exercise their dogs here, they will need to go elsewhere - to more populated dog approved places which may actually lead to problems. The council has an obligation to cater to all its citizens and ratepayers, many of whom are dog owners. It is essential this area remains a dog friendly location for all of the dog loving families to enjoy.
813	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach the same as other parks.
845	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control should be allowed.
980	I do not support the proposed change	The rules are already too restrictive. Dogs need time off the leash, Instead of banning Dogs off the leash why not Police the activity and prosecute Dog owners that allow their dogs to be a nuisance
1010	I do not support the proposed change	Really disagree with the proposed change. At least allow dogs on leash at all times, as it is a large beach with plenty of room for everyone to enjoy.
1247	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right to enjoy the outdoors. Humans create more damage
1280	I do not support the proposed change	No reason for dogs to not be allowed (and people) access to the beach. On lead / restricted around bird breeding areas
1550	I don't know	How is this different than the current rule?
1589	I do not support the proposed change	Just change to on leash at all times and enforce it! Imagine people who live there no longer being able to walk their dog. awful. It would stop me visiting / staying at Pakiri which I do relatively often. I would not go there again if I could not walk my dog.
1625	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control are less damaging than people on beaches. Many dogs love to swim and it is good for their health.
1646	I do not support the proposed change	It is my understanding that all dogs are currently banned ... because of iwi? Is this why the new proposal wants a ban. We have known many owners who have been restricted from access?? It is such a vast and desolated beach .. perfect for dogs so why???
1761	I support the proposed change	There are many seriously endangered birds living, feeding and breeding at Pākiri, and it is more important to protect them than to give dog owners the right to bring them onto the beach
1842	I do not support the proposed change	Locals of Pakiri have taken their dogs on the beach forever. Most dogs love to be able to run and be free and a responsible owner is very much capable of recalling their dogs if needed. The issue isn't dogs it's people and it isn't the dog owner but other people because a responsible dog owner is 99% of the time very much responsible when it comes to their dogs. I feel we are punishing dogs for invalid issues

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1849	I do not support the proposed change	Lessening of amenity
1936	I support the proposed change	Pakiri is an isolated beach, where it is difficult to get medical support in the event of a dog attack. There is also extreme tensions between local Iwi and community members regarding access to the beach, and to ease tensions prohibition of dogs on the beach would be great. It also means that local residents are not allowed to let their dogs roam free in the sandunes.
1955	I do not support the proposed change	this is a good beach to walk your dog but it should follow the normal rules and timeframes
2136	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly feel that walking your dog off leash on a beach should be protected in New Zealand. It is one of the few remaining 'wild' areas where this is possible. Who are you to remove these freedoms from the citizens, taxpayers and rare payers of this country? And for what? Protecting wildlife? I can guarantee that feral and domestic cats slay vastly higher numbers of birds and other wildlife than the domestic dog could ever dream of yet dogs seem to always take the wrap. If you begin to remove these areas where dog owners can enjoy their passion for their pets you are taking their freedoms away from them. And who are you to determine that a bird is more important than their freedom to enjoy their country? The baches and parks in question are vast and the country has thousands of beaches and other habitats that are generally inaccessible to the public. These areas provide more than ample opportunity for wildlife to thrive, you don't need to remove our rights to enjoy the popular areas as we see fit. This is an example of rules for the sake of rules. Everyone has had enough.
2178	I do not support the proposed change	Because soon we'll have nowhere to walk our dogs. For God's sake - there's plenty of room for everyone. This survey is getting seriously stupid.
2187	I do not support the proposed change	Again, where is there any evidence dogs are the issue? We are fast becoming an anti dog country. Dogs are part of the anew Zealand culture and then you look to other European countries our dog restrictions are out of control. In most countries you can take dogs into parks, on bush walks, on beaches on public transport etc.
2485	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking our dog(s)on Foresty beach for over for over 20 years. It is one of the only beaches you can walk your dog off leash. I agree dogs should not be allowed in the dunes but the beach is a wonderful and cherished resource for dog walkers. If you are worried about dogs vs birds. More signs and encourage locals to respect that and educate each other.
2534	I do not support the proposed change	There's an opportunity to carve out an area around the river mouth and where most people swim and surf where there are no birds nesting. Prohibit dogs over the rest of the beach to support the endangered birds but at least allow room for the dogs where it makes no difference.
2537	I do not support the proposed change	Rural and low volume of beach goers
2558	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few dog-friendly areas in the region, and Pakiri beach is a safe place for dogs. I would understand changing the rules to force dogs to be on leash, but definitely not prohibit them.

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2609	I do not support the proposed change	Why does Auckland Council hate dogs so much? Every change I have seen so far is going from restriction, to an outright ban. There are already extremely limited options for dog walking in summer yet the council seem to be out to make life even more difficult for dog owners. It is already the worst region in the country I have experienced in terms of such limited dog access and it looks like you want to make it worse. I see no reason at all to ban dogs. This forces people to walk dogs on the burning hot streets. Many, many people in the region have a pet dog, yet Auckland Council wants to punish all of us who are responsible, due to a small minority that are not. As long as dogs are on leads and under control, I see absolutely no reason why they should be banned. Most dogs I see are better behaved than most children, and cats do vastly more killing than dogs, yet there is no will apparently to prevent more people buying cats.
2640	I do not support the proposed change	there's nothing more lovely than seeing a dog running free on the beach leave them alone
2937	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are gradually being excluded from public places. They should have a right to free running and exercise in parkland and on beaches. Restrictions are due to a vocal and misinformed minority.
3161	I do not support the proposed change	I live in the Lee region and with the closure of the V foreshore walk there are incredibly limited places where you can walk your dog currently, making all of Pakiri beach non-Dog accepting is once unfair to dog owners in the area
3343	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts.
3361	I do not support the proposed change	It is a massive beach with very few people and is perfect for under control dog walking, it is just not fair to ban them, they are parts of so many families.
3367	I do not support the proposed change	I do not agree with reducing the areas that dogs are allowed
3572	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the only areas to exercise dogs in the area. Many families use this area due to this.
3586	I do not support the proposed change	We are from a rural community and allowing our dogs the ability to run free off leash at our local beaches Te Arai Forestry and Pakiri Beach with us, allows them and us the freedom to enjoy the beach and surrounding area together. We keep our dogs away from any other wildlife and our dogs have been trained to not investigate the areas these other wildlife exist - this enables both to co-exist at beach areas. Our beach area has limited public access and secluded enough that we don't generally see other dogs when we are on the beach. I wholeheartedly oppose the proposal of this bylaw specific to my local beaches.

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3596	I do not support the proposed change	Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don't increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to enjoy our national parks and beaches with their dogs I love dogs and want to see our parks full of them! Parkiri beach is huge and allows more than enough space for both dog lovers and non-dog lovers so there should be no reason dogs must be banned from the entire area.
3610	I do not support the proposed change	Why the. Hange
3834	I do not support the proposed change	Why?!
3850	Other (please explain below)	Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.
3927	I do not support the proposed change	There are very limited parks available for off leash dogs and owners in the region. Dogs and dog owners need open spaces where dogs can be off leash to exercise and run. and these large stretches of beach allow for more than one type of user to enjoy. I.E walkers, joggers, horse riders, beach goers. People using these parks and reserves are responsible dog owners who are providing the stimulus and exercise for their dogs to ensure their health and wellness. Dog which do not have access to open spaces to explore become unsocialised and can lead to potential behavioural issues.
3933	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that dogs should be allowed off leash but under control on the beach and foreshore areas
4084	I do not support the proposed change	This is a terrible idea. Pakiri is a beautiful beach to walk on and access to dogs should not be restricted.

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4093	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes particularly of the beaches I selected. but for most of those listed. I dont agree that laws for these beaches match those of say the Botanical gardens, they should not be treated the same. Te Arai and Pakiri are vast areas where dog owners and their dogs can enjoy outdoors away from crowded parks, roads, and neighbourhoods. Banning dogs from these vast spaces will only force more dogs walking in cramped neighbourhoods, or forcing some owners to limit dogs exercise that could lead to more anxious behaviour. I would like to see more done to manage the individual dogs roaming off-leash in suburbs causing stress and physical attacks on humans and other animals. The owners of these dogs are the problem rather than good owners who know the benefits of driving long distances in some cases, to give their dog/s a happy space, a safe place, away from cars, and noisy neighbourhoods to exercise, play in the water. I act responsibly and think others do for example when I see people approaching I put my dogs back on leash until we are clear. The dog parks on the North shore do offer some safe space, however it is no longer a safe dog space when people of all ages cycle through. There are areas dogs are not permitted for human activities. I respect their space, they should respect the dog space.. In summary, forcing dog owners to only exercise dogs on leash in crowded noisy spaces will result in more anxious dogs. Please don't spoil it for the majority due to the mis-behaviour of some dog owners. And maybe look deeper into the root cause - should anyone be able to own dogs? Why not enforce more safety checks on owners?
4123	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on pakiri beach on lead so that the local community can enjoy the beach with their companions.
4199	I support the proposed change	I support the proposed change as long as forestry beach remains a dog off-leash area for exercise.
4252	I do not support the proposed change	Parkiri beach is a large enough beach for dogs to exercise off leash, unless wildlife is a concern I do not support
4275	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed on beach under control
4307	I don't know	It doesn't explain why dogs are now being prohibited ie; to protect gannet colony etc.
4311	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support dogs not being able to be on this beach.. make it on leash only
4361	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland. You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.
4380	I support the proposed change	Beach's with children present should be clear of all dogs
4639	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control off leash works fine

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4694	I do not support the proposed change	The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship, emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the public of Auckland. The need to keep Forestry Beach available to dogs and their owners is now a crucial one. This is due to the recent introduction of banning of dogs and their owners right
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4905	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash on the beach- providing owners are responsible and don't let get aggressive dogs off, or should be on leash at all times
4914	I do not support the proposed change	Being a responsible dog owner who has lived here all my life and all the other locals who care about this land and beach more than most should be able to walk our dogs on the beach and take them swimming.
4950	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
5101	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach off leash - except for bird breeding areas (seasonally)
5238	I do not support the proposed change	For us, Pakiri is the closest beach for us to walk our dog. The joy we get as a family going for a swim and dog walk after work will be taken away. I understand the safety of bird life, but you contradict yourselves by allowing a golf course to be built on the beach; I can't imagine the extremely long-term destruction that has had on the bird life. Therefore, your reasoning behind prohibiting dogs makes no sense.

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5260	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island.
5343	I do not support the proposed change	We are already limited where we can access beaches. Happy to avoid bird-breeding areas/seasons. Please do not ban even more areas.
5432	I do not support the proposed change	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.
5440	I do not support the proposed change	We need more dog friendly places in Auckland not less.
5491	I do not support the proposed change	Should remain the same, no change.
5495	I do not support the proposed change	Please don't remove areas for dogs
5587	I support the proposed change	When on the beach areas with my grandchildren I do not want to be approached by any dogs. This lessens the risk of my grandchildren or myself being harassed or bitten by a dog.
5717	I do not support the proposed change	where is the "ensuring that dogs are part of our society " in doing this?
5737	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are companion animals and part of the family unit and prohibiting dogs from the beach is unfair to responsible dog owners.
5800	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners with well behaved controlled dogs do not pose any threat to the environment and natural habitat anymore than humans do.
5822	I do not support the proposed change	Disgraceful! Dogs enjoy a swim at the beach and you're effectively removing dog owners access to the beach with their dogs. Meaning effects on dogs and their owners mental health. Stop punishingbwell behaved dogs and their owners
6102	I do not support the proposed change	Seems to be a change brought about to appease the minority
6415	I do not support the proposed change	There have been no incidents to support the ban of dogs from this area. Any restrictions only support the idea of billionaire exclusivity currently happening in the area. Changes to access for the common rates payer will confirm that the council is not listening to its constituents.
6547	I do not support the proposed change	Taking away access to these beaches from dogs is like taking away public parks from children!! The Forestry Beach has been a remote place to take our dog and allow him to run free and walk along the beach safely and away from people and other dogs. Its a safe place to go with your dog. Please do NOT take away this incredible place from our dogs lives. The option you are suggesting at the Quarry is pathetic - its a small confined area with a sharp shelly surface. You cannot safely have many dogs who do not know each other in such a confined space off lead. Its is also close to a busy car park and beach. Even if we can have rules like - keeping dogs on lead at the Forestry Car park and can only go as far as the estuary heading towards Parkiri. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THIS AWAY FROM OUR DOGS.
6578	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules effect everyone

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304	I do not support the proposed change	The Status Quo should stay as is.
448	I do not support the proposed change	It should off leash early morning and evening and on leash controls during day. It's a big beach, plenty of space for all enjoy.
1140	I do not support the proposed change	Again, where are the fair rules for well behaved dogs that can be controlled off leash? This change will only reduce even more the already too few leisure options we have to bring our dogs. Totally unfair for well behaved and under control dogs
2837	I do not support the proposed change	Can't understand what purpose this proposed change is for.
3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made
4146	I do not support the proposed change	Ridiculous change. Allow dogs off leash at all times, they too deserve to enjoy the beach.
4477	I do not support the proposed change	An area again that has worked for us as family, and friends for generations
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
1381	I support the proposed change	Tara iti need protecting. An "on leash" rule is too loose (and loosely interpreted) and it is simpler to have a complete ban.
2731	I support the proposed change	To protect the native fauna in the area
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
433	I do not support the proposed change	What's the reason for this? Dog walking gets people outside and exercising. You're limiting planning to limit this far too much. If there's an issue with them being off leash put them on leash. But don't exclude them all together
486	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers should take the call as to when to walk their dogs and where. They dont need to be given such restrictions
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed at all times on leash, I understand off leash restrictions during bird mating seasons
689	I do not support the proposed change	For heaven's sake, where ARE we allowed to exercise our dogs? It would be better to designate a particular area of the beach for off-leash and allow on-leash everywhere else that is currently off-leash. I recognise that dogs need to be keep away from the marine reserve but banning them completely is ridiculous. Dog owners pay rates too, and currently we are unfairly excluded from vast areas of Auckland parkland.
713	I support the proposed change	clean the area up
965	Other (please explain below)	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park at all times
1220	I do not support the proposed change	This is again reducing places people have available to take their dogs

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1576	I do not support the proposed change	The places we can take our dogs for off-leash runs become less and less. Dedicated dog parks are not the answer as stress levels in our dogs tend to rise if they're exposed to too many dog encounters at the same time and with it tension and escalation. We avoid dog parks and beaches like the plague. It's not relaxing. It would be nice to be able to take our dogs for beach strolls where they can roam free and enjoy the sunset with their owners. Why punish everyone when most dogs fit into the community so well. It's understandable to limit dog access to protect wild life and flora of course.
1833	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this. There are so few beaches that allow off leash dogs now and it would be so sad to lose another one. Switch to on leash if anything, but to prohibit them entirely would be such a shame
2095	Other (please explain below)	Please see answer already provided under Section 2 which applies to all areas. It is the owners who allow their dogs to roam out of control that need to be policed/controlled. Activities should not be curtailed for the majority, who manage our animals well.
2167	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support the proposed amendment as it stops all access from the current which mentions 'Dogs are allowed under control off a leash on the associated beach'
4044	I do not support the proposed change	I have had issues with individuals with off leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial.
4767	I do not support the proposed change	This means there will be no access to Pakiri beach for people with dogs - far too restrictive
4813	I support the proposed change	good, gives fragile ecosystem a chance to flourish
5480	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed everywhere on lead. You also need to provide off leash areas
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates. I pay extremely high rates AND pay for dog registration and don't even get to take my dog barely anywhere. It's getting ridiculous. Stop banning on-leash dogs from everywhere. There's almost nowhere left to go
6082	I do not support the proposed change	Why would you do this? Ban dogs entirely? On what grounds? Absolutely not.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners should not be punished for having a companion
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
46	I do not support the proposed change	There is no supporting logic to this change. Summer restrictions make sense, winter does not.

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122	I do not support the proposed change	I think this is a clunky solution to irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off leash and don't have control/consistent recall of their dog, and don't well socialise their dog, and the proposed changes greatly affects all responsible dog owners. Unfortunately, I think there needs to be more 'legislation' around dog ownership (for example needing to pass a basic test to get a dog ownership license) and enforcement around irresponsible dog owners (non-registered dogs etc), as opposed to clunky restriction to public parks.
914	I do not support the proposed change	There is no demand from anyone outside council for any changes to the dog bylaws. This is just council staff “creating work” where no work needs to be performed on this unnecessary “project!”.
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1474	I do not support the proposed change	keep current policy
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting dog access
2184	I do not support the proposed change	There's that word again how about prohibit the council for coming up with such ***** policies
2185	Other (please explain below)	It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	I support the proposed change	Safer
3263	I support the proposed change	There have been too many attacks on birds. Less dogs in critical areas will keep birds safer, and allow for harsher fines if the rules are broken. There will need to be more dog control officers at the same time, or the changes will be completely useless.
5004	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are public resources that should be accessible to all Aucklanders, including dog owners. The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect those who follow the rules while doing little to address the real issue of non-compliance. Rather than creating more restrictions, Auckland Council should focus on improving compliance with existing regulations through education, signage, and enforcement.
5011	I do not support the proposed change	Making a blanket ban is unreasonable - what are the reasons for the blanket ban? More physical involvement from dog management educating and talking to the few less desirable owners would be a preferred option.
5027	I do not support the proposed change	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.

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5205	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner - why can we not enjoy this beach anymore? I am just not going to visit this beautiful beach if we cannot bring the dog. Why can this not be on a leash controlled??
5358	I support the proposed change	Good
5454	I do not support the proposed change	No access for dogs at all... Makes no sense.
5624	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in parks. There are already few public spaces they can go.
5812	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes significantly reduce off-leash access in several regional parks and beaches, including Long Bay Beach, Waitawa Regional Park, and Pākiri Beach. While I acknowledge the need to protect wildlife and ensure public safety, a more balanced approach is required. Key Concerns: Many of the restrictions are disproportionate and do not consider alternative management strategies, such as seasonal or time-based access. The outright prohibition of dogs on Pākiri Beach and Te Ārai Beach appears excessive and does not consider responsible dog ownership and existing conservation measures. Changes to Long Bay Beach (banning dogs during peak hours in summer) unfairly restrict dog owners who wish to exercise their pets responsibly. Requested Amendments: Consider time-based restrictions rather than outright bans, allowing access during low-use hours (e.g., before 10 am and after 5 pm). Conduct a scientific review of the impact of dogs in conservation areas before imposing prohibitions. Ensure any new restrictions are based on robust evidence of risk, rather than a precautionary approach that unnecessarily penalises responsible dog owners.
6182	I do not support the proposed change	The changes should be made after the policy changes are made and agreed in a separate consultation.
6839	I do not support the proposed change	Dog walkers and Professional dog walkers should be able to take their dogs to parks to exercise them. The restrictions on parks and beaches is so limiting for dogs. No data suggests that Auckland City has significant issues with parks, these measures are extreme.
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
13	I support the proposed change	We don't need dogs in the park where kids or any person comes to relax. Nowadays we are scared to go due to dogs roaming around
80	I do not support the proposed change	This will be yet another place where dogs are banned from. Dogs are important to many people and they need places to walk and swim and play.
460	I do not support the proposed change	Seems extreme. Support on leash not a ban. Where is the evidence to support this? Again punish the many for the actions of the few. Council is under resourced to manage those who break the rules so all other responsible dog owners are now paying. Please resource Animal Management so they can do their job.

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1447	I do not support the proposed change	We shouldn't restrict dog access without providing a reasonable alternative.
2034	I do not support the proposed change	the are was already quite limited to get to the area but it was welcomed. I think it should remain as it is
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2455	I do not support the proposed change	Penalises locals with dogs. Going from off leash to prohibited is crazy! Just make it that they need to be on a lead.
2946	I do not support the proposed change	Dog's love the beach and as long as they are on leash and under control, they are o.k. May limit access between certain hours.
3651	I do not support the proposed change	There are few places I can take my dog for a swim during the day. This council has a militant anti dog agenda and it has to stop. Summer is hot and dogs suffer. There needs to be more beaches open to dogs for swimming during the heat of the summer days.
4281	I do not support the proposed change	I think there should be more accessibility for dogs in the regional park. Dogs on leash under controlled pose no risk to the public or wildlife. Instead there just needs to be increased enforcement of off leash dog walkers who need to be fined on the spot.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	What is the reasoning for prohibiting dogs all-year round? If it's for bird safety, I agree. If it's for people, I do not. In that case a seasonal summer ban is more appropriate.
5089	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great off leash dog beach, probably the best. This seems like something those despicable horse people have been lobbying for
6077	I do not support the proposed change	Having dogs on the beach is the best place for them. Mining sand from the beach is far more extreme for the environment than a dog. Beach + dog = bliss.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Other (please explain below)	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.

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

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4330	I do not support the proposed change	There are not many beaches now that dogs are able to be free off leash. Please consider keeping this beach off leash. A blanket change of ruling here to prohibit dogs altogether does not seem right. Dogs are members of our family and as responsible dog owners being able to take them to the beach where they can run free (as intended) is the life they should be living and we should encourage this as much as possible.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I'm sick of the constant and endless restrictions on where you can take your dog. There is barely anywhere left in Pakiri. Surely AC have bigger priorities.
4818	I do not support the proposed change	New Zealand doesn't seem to be particularly dog-friendly and appears to lag behind other countries in this regard. Dogs are cherished members of the family, yet the increasing restrictions on accessing regional parks mean that many people are missing out on opportunities to enjoy these spaces with their pets. Dog owners pay registration fees, and homeowners contribute through rates. Shouldn't they be allowed to spend quality time with their furry family members in these public places? Instead of spending time and resources on introducing new rules, that effort could be better directed toward identifying and addressing owners who aren't following existing regulations. Additionally, funds could be used to improve park facilities, such as upgrading bins, to create a more enjoyable and responsible environment for everyone.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners
5330	I do not support the proposed change	There are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leash, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
5387	I do not support the proposed change	It's not fair. Why should dog owners and good dogs be punished for irresponsible people and dogs, let alone the useless parents who don't train their kids how to act around dogs.
5514	I do not support the proposed change	Bunch of lunatics proposed this.
5529	I do not support the proposed change	Hi we are concerned regarding the proposal for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri & Te Arai beaches Can you please register our views - We DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead we want OFF LEASH at all times. We live in Pakiri and have already only limited options for dog walking at local beaches. We regularly use this beach to walk our two dogs.

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5542	I do not support the proposed change	The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship, emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the general public of Auckland.

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5753	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is putting the rights of the well-heeled golfing elite ahead of those of ratepayers who own dogs. We DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks, we want off leash walking rights at all times. As part of the Dog Bylaw review council are proposing for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri and Te Arai beaches - it is right next to the Te Arai Links Golf Course and only 25 mins from the turn off at Wayby Valley Road from SH1, with most of the road tarseal. With the development of 60 homes at the Links golf course and likely future development once the northern motorway extends to nearby Wellsford, this locks dogs and their owners out of a significant tract of beach recreation area, and effectively creates a gated community at Te Arai with greater rights than other ratepayers.
5762	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times

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6899	I do not support the proposed change	To Whom it may concern I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times. As part of the Dog Bylaw review council are proposing for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri & Te Arai beaches - it is right next to the Te Arai Links Golf Course and only 25 mins from the turn off at Wayby Valley Road from SH1, with most of the road tarseal. With the development of 60 homes at the Links golf course and likely future development once the northern motorway extends to nearby Wellsford WE NEED to keep dog access here!! Not only will this be affecting your rate payers but others who visit the area with their dogs so your tourist \$\$\$ will be negatively impacted if you close yet another off leash area for dogs. It also affects the dogs welfare and the humans who can not access off leash areas for correct exercise. Swimming for dogs and humans is one of the most important exercises. it helps keeps pressure off joints and uses parts of the body walking does not. By taking away another point to access water you fail to support a healthy lifestyle. Where can humans and dogs swim safely together ? Did you know some breeds of dogs can act as lifesavers when trained properly?
6912	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks. I support off-leash access at all times.

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6932	I do not support the proposed change	As a Local of the area for 45 years, I have been taking dogs to this beach for this length of time. Something that has never changed is the fact that some days I can be there and I am the only soul on the beach, just me and my dog. I can work 5km along the isolated beach and only pass one or 2 people. So why are beaches like this being lumped into the proposed 'Auckland wide' plan. This beach simply does not fit the 'normal, being so isolated from anywhere. Even with the golf course behind this has not increased or changed who walks the beach. The document provided by the Auckland Council on "Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections" The second paragraph of the document states "We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ..." I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose
6970	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of Attachment: Requests to the Local Board • Maintain Off-Leash Areas: Request to keep certain areas off-leash and to plan new off-leash areas in new subdivisions and growth areas within Rodney • Loss of Access for Dogs • Impact on Daily Routines: Changes to access can significantly alter local people's daily routines, requiring dog owners to drive to other locations. • Overcrowding: More dogs in fewer spaces can lead to overcrowding, especially during summer and bird breeding seasons. • Specific Areas: Removal of dog access in Te Arai and Pakiri Regional Parks means over 24km of Rodney beaches would be off-limits to dog families • Unnecessary Restrictions: Proposed restrictions in certain reserves are unnecessary due to the low likelihood of kiwi dispersing from Tawharanui Regional Park to these areas.
7300	Other (please explain below)	• Of the 20km of coastline from Maungawhai to Pakiri, there's very limited off leash options
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		

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4517	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues.
5410	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need access to off leash environments especially beaches and waterways. It is a normal part of active family life in NZ
5426	I do not support the proposed change	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (!) these are big changes that do not meet the criteria of the Dog Policy 2019. Much of what has been suggested as 'findings' is merely a statement of what is happening already, and in many cases completely wrong interpretation of councils own survey. Most of what has been cited as 'structural change' and 'significant risk' are in fact minor changes, if any, or low-impact issues (by councils own findings). The way the policy works is that Council and Dog Management are supposed to manage the low impact issues from irresponsible dog owners through better education and direct intervention, not massive changes to access. The policy is NOT designed to enable mass changes to dog access without significant reasons and due consideration to alternatives and/ or providing other places – neither of which are present in the proposal. In short, these are 'issues' that could and should be managed with a few good signs and better management of irresponsible dog owners, not sweeping dog access changes for the vast majority of responsible dog owners!
6428	I do not support the proposed change	As before dogs need more not less walking places. Even on leash is better than none at all.
REGIONAL ORGANISATION		
6845	I support the proposed change	Prohibition is a long time coming. Local dogs are regularly roaming on the south section of the beach (supported by their owners) which prevents the dotterels from successfully breeding there (many pairs try each year). This will also reduce shorebirds being disturbed near the Pākiri rivermouth and in the dunes. Note this will only be successful if surveillance and enforcement is regularly undertaken.