

Whangarei District Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 3 July, 2024

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

Elected Members: His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Jayne Golightly
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Deborah Harding
Cr Patrick Holmes
Cr Scott McKenzie
Cr Marie Olsen
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Phoenix Ruka
Cr Paul Yovich

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4.1 Dog Management Policy and Bylaw - Hearing

Meeting:	Whangarei District Council
Date of meeting:	3 July 2024
Reporting officer:	Will McNab (Strategic Planner – Bylaws)

1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To receive and hear feedback on the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw.

Recommendations / Whakataunga

That Council:

1. Receives the feedback on the proposed Dog Management Policy (the Policy) and Dog Management Bylaw (the Bylaw) in Attachments 1 to 6;
2. Hears the oral feedback on the proposed Policy and Bylaw from the submitters listed in Attachment 7;
3. Accepts the feedback received after the closing date of consultation in Attachment 8.

3 Background / Horopaki

3.1 Council began reviewing the Dog Management Policy and Bylaw in early 2023 and sought initial feedback from the public on the existing rules

Council began reviewing the existing Dog Management Policy (the Policy) and Dog Management Bylaw (the Bylaw) in early 2023. Council sought initial feedback from the community on the existing rules during June and July 2023. Feedback was invited through an online form, an interactive GIS map, email, PDF and hard-copy forms, meetings with the public and relevant stakeholders at a series of drop-in sessions at the Central Library and online, and meetings with staff from Northland Regional Council and the Department of Conservation.

3.2 This early engagement attracted over 600 items of feedback, which informed a new draft Policy and Bylaw developed across a series of Council Briefings

The more-than 600 items of feedback, together with a findings, issues and options report, were presented and discussed at a Council Briefing on 29 November 2023.¹ Another Council Briefing on 8 February 2024 provided staff with direction on draft amendments to the Policy and a draft new

¹ The agenda report for the 29 November 2023 Council Briefing can be downloaded [here](#).

Bylaw.² On 24 April 2024, Council adopted a Statement of Proposal for public consultation on the resulting draft Policy and Bylaw.³

4 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

4.1 Statutory consultation on the Policy and Bylaw began on 1 May 2024, but the required notification email failed to reach all registered dog owners

Under section 10(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996, Council is required to notify all dog owners in its register of the draft Policy. This notification requirement sits parallel with the requirement under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) to consult with the community for a period of not less than one month.

Staff sent notification of the proposal to the 8,909 dog owners in Council's dogs register on 1 May 2024 via email and, for the 1,103 owners without a registered email address, via post. The email reached many dog owners, but also triggered the email server's algorithmic spam filters, which prevented the email from reaching an unknown number of addresses.

Unlike other departments that regularly communicate with large numbers of customers, the Strategy Department had no system in place nor dedicated administrative support to comply with a mass notification requirement last encountered in 2012.

4.2 A custom-built solution using Council's enterprise software circumvented the spam filters and reached over 99% of addresses, after which staff reset the consultation clock

Circumnavigating the spam filters required a custom-built query developed and tested under urgency using Council's enterprise software. Even so, it was not until almost two weeks after consultation began that staff managed to reach over 99% of registered dog owners.

On 22 May 2024, a public notice, news article and social media post were published to advise the community that the close of consultation had been extended from 3 to 14 June 2024. Staff also addressed misinformation on the Policy and Bylaw by producing a podcast to discuss in-depth some of the contentious aspects of the proposal. At the time of writing, the podcast had been viewed over 130 times on YouTube alone.

4.3 Council received 804 items of feedback during more than six weeks of consultation

At the close of statutory consultation, Council had received 804 items of feedback, of which 224 were submitted via an online form, 173 were annotated pins on an interactive map, 373 were PDF forms and 34 were emails. This feedback is collated word-for-word, minus duplicate submissions, in Attachments 1 to 6. At the time of writing, Council had received one late submission (Attachment 8).

Identical submissions sent by multiple submitters have been presented as pro-forma submissions, with submitters' names tallied and published alongside each pro-forma submission. A scanned example of all six pro-forma submissions can be found in Attachment 6. Where submitters added further comment to their pro-forma submission, these comments have been added to the table of hard copy and PDF submission forms in Attachment 2, preceded by their pro-forma number (PF1-PF6).

During the consultation period, 31 individuals or organisation representatives requested to attend this meeting to give their views in person. The draft schedule of oral submitters is provided in

² The agenda report for the 8 February 2024 Council Briefing can be downloaded [here](#).

³ The agenda report for the 24 April 2024 Council Meeting can be downloaded [here](#). The published Statement of Proposal can be downloaded [here](#).

Attachment 7. Staff will provide the final schedule of confirmed oral submitters closer to the hearing date.

4.4 Financial/budget considerations

Nil.

4.5 Policy and planning implications

Nil.

4.6 Options

Nil.

4.7 Risks

Nil.

5 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

Council has consulted with the community on the proposed Policy and Bylaw following the requirements of section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The community was notified of the consultation via public notice in print media, social media and a Council News story. In addition, staff sent notification of the proposal to all dog owners in Council's dogs register, as required by section 10(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

The Have Your Say webpage went live on 1 May 2024. Written submissions were invited through multiple channels until 14 June 2024. This hearing fulfils the specific requirement under section 83(1)(d) of the LGA for Council to offer the opportunity for spoken interaction with submitters.

A meeting has been scheduled in August for Council to deliberate on all feedback received during consultation on the proposed Policy and Bylaw.

6 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Attachment 1 - OpenForms submissions

Attachment 2 - Hard copy and PDF submission forms

Attachment 3 - Email submissions from individuals

Attachment 4 - Survey 123 pin submissions

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DOG-MGT-1	Wayne Lajeunesse	In agreement
DOG-MGT-2	karen Whitley	i am the owner of a Springer Spaniel who needs to be able to run and swim. I currently spend a lot of time in Barge park which is great , but the new rules don't allow him to run free in the area past the duck ponds. At the moment we keep dogs on leash when sheep are present but if they are not, we let dogs run free. There is also a swim hole in the stream that dogs can swim in or play when the water level is low. There have never been any wild life there in my experience in that small part of the stream. Also there is a spot in the Hatea river on the walk from Ngunguru Rd to the waterfall, another great swim hole that our dog loves. It is just off the public walkway. It would be a shame if that can not be used.
DOG-MGT-4	Nathan Read	<p>Dog control benefits the entire community as it is the entire community that is protected from nuisance / problem dogs.</p> <p>Responsible dog breeders and responsible owners of desexed dogs do not cause a problem to anyone.</p> <p>I submit that a responsible dog owners, ie an owner whose dogs are registered and whose dogs have not caused a nuisance / had an interaction with an animal control officer in the last 5 / 10 whatever years should get a 95% discount on their registration fee. Doing this will serve as an incentive for the owners to register/ desex and control their dogs.</p> <p>Any shortfall in fees from registrations and fines should be made up from general rates, because as I have said no everyone benefits from the control of nuisance dogs. A dog owner who has no interaction with animal control is obviously not adding to the nuisance dog problem and as such should not have to pay any more than any other ratepayer for the control of nuisance dogs.</p>
DOG-MGT-5	Brandy Singleton	I don't understand why we bother to register our dogs and pay rates to the council when the council hates dogs and wants to further restrict the already limited access we have to take our animals with us to safe, friendly accessible places. The proposed changes will do nothing positive for the community but encourage rule breaking and further lack of compliance so to their severity. Why does WDC hate dog owners? Why does WDC hate dogs?
DOG-MGT-6	Joanne honey	<p>The only things that affects my dogs..is the registration.,I refuse my dogs to leave the property which is doubled gated because of all the dogs that roaming in our area..</p> <p>Iam tired of responsible dogs owners like myself paying so bloody much a year for registration when my dogs don't access anything or get nothing for their registration, it appears I'm paying her people's dogs that don't care about them...the responsible owners get punished we don't even get cheap vet care, but yet others do!!! Not happy..</p> <p>My dogs get nothing...the registration needs to be reduced to \$35 annually per dog so everyone can register their dogs just not like people like me!</p>
DOG-MGT-7	Julie Cervinkova	I think it's a mistake to not include reduction of registration fees for responsible dog ownership. There are way too many unregistered dogs because of the prohibitive cost.

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DOG-MGT-8	Bryn Hughes	The key area to address is prosecuting and enforcement of existing regulation of dangerous dogs. These dogs need to be taken away and destroyed and owners prosecuted. In addition vet bills and other expenses incurred by responsible dog owners due to attacks from dangerous dogs and bad dog owners need to be at the expense of the person whose dog causes the issue. Your animal enforcement officers need to be much stricter with dogs owned by gang members and the like.
DOG-MGT-9	Shayne Scholey	<p>As a responsible dog owner with a neutered and chipped dog, i would like to know what services etc. i receive (other than a plastic registration tag).</p> <p>All WDC residents have access to dog control services without having to pay anything.</p> <p>If a dog is impounded then the owner must pay the penalties.</p> <p>So, i would like to know what i as a registered dog owner receive that any other rate payer receives?</p> <p>The dog pound and dog ranger services are of benefit to all rate payers.</p> <p>Interested to read your response.</p> <p>Regards Shayne</p>
DOG-MGT-11	Matt Joblin	<p>In map 3 I think the yellow on leash area should fall under 5.2. Allowing off leash at all times except during peak summer day time. This is a very well used dog area with a very small amount of non dog use. Even if this was changed up to the most eastern part of marsden point falling under the rules of 5.2 and near the shipping terminal. Was on leash or prohibited would make more sense.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
DOG-MGT-12	Steve Hamer	<p>The proposal is very well written and comprehensive.</p> <p>The intent of the proposal is clear. The lack of animal control, care for other dog owners and general arrogance and ignorance demonstrated by a minority of owners continues to cause concern.</p> <p>My concern around the amendments are two-fold:</p> <p>1) Once again, the majority of good dog owners are being dictated to by a minority who shouldn't be given the privilege of owning an animal. We are catering to the lowest common denominator and the majority are being penalised; and</p> <p>2) The success or otherwise of these amendments is in the enforcement. The type of owner who these amendments are designed to control are unlikely to alter their behaviour,</p> <p>This is the age old problem of how you live in a society with people who have a different set of values than the majority. I think these amendments impinge too much on the rights of the majority but I do understand the difficulty of your role in trying to control this situation.</p>
DOG-MGT-13	Richard Goodall	<p>Seems reasonable. It is important that adequate signposting be in place to assist people to comply.</p>


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DOG-MGT-14	Zane	<p>Around the proposal to allow dogs in the CBD.</p> <p>I believe this is not a good idea, as I can see issues around people not picking up after dogs, people walking in the CBD with Pitbulls and issues around anti social behaviour with dogs. I believe the status quo should remain in that they are allowed at the loop and town basin but not in the CBD as it is unfair to those who do not enjoy the company of dogs, or who have a phobia of dogs.</p>
DOG-MGT-16	Jesse Card	<p>I would like to see more guidance on reporting non-compliance and ways to fund more officers that monitor compliance. As someone with a family member that has a dog phobia, I'm acutely aware of when people have dogs off leash or non-responsive or even in areas they're not allowed.</p> <p>Without a number to call, there's little risk of being caught by one of the very few officers who might cite an offence. Often with just a warning.</p> <p>My family member often travels in fear in parks or on tracks due to dogs. Frequently showing extreme anxiety and fear. Without better means of monitoring and punishing non-compliance, they will be constantly be unable to use public areas and facilities alone.</p> <p>Dog ownership has long been a cultural given, without much thought to our environment. Roaming dogs are a constant nuisance in our communities and no means to fund the levels of control and monitoring we need with the current bylaws and culture.</p> <p>We need to fully reconsider our relationship with pets in Aotearoa in a way that raises up the endemic species we have above luxury companion animals.</p>
DOG-MGT-17	Chia Ying	<p>Would like to request Council to build more Dog confined parks or play area near Bream Bay Area (Ruakaka/One Tree Point/Marsden Point). Currently my nearest one is Whangārei town center, too far.</p>
DOG-MGT-15	Lyn Wilson	<p>I would like this simplified</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Keep your dogs on your property fenced, gated or tethered. 2 Pick up after your dogs  and stop them weeing on things that are too close too peoples private stuff 3 Under control on a lead where beaches, people are sitting fishing walking 4 Spayed or neutered registered and microchipped
DOG-MGT-19	Neil Beney	<p>I fully support the maintenance of the ban on dogs on Bream Head, Kauri Mountain Beach and Reotahi to Little Munro Beach. Due to the proximity of the Bream Head reserve I would also support further restrictions at Ocean Beach to include a full ban.</p> <p>I note that signs are often defaced so some increased monitoring may be required.</p>
DOG-MGT-20	R Broadhurst	<p>Thank you - the area that mostly effects my family and our dog is around Whangarei Heads and Ocean Beach and I'm happy with what you're proposing.</p>
DOG-MGT-23	John Logan	<p>With regards to Map 7 I utilise the Uretiti Tip Rd and the Uretiti Doc camp ground entrances onto the beach and like many ,many others exercise my dog off leash walking north or south throughout the year and wish to continue doing so</p>

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		<p>I see that the area from the Tip Rd entrance north to Uretiti Camp Ground is a prohibited area from December 20th to January 31 - this is a puzzling decision as the area most utilised in this summer period is a stretch of beach seaward of Uretiti DOC Camp at about 1 - 1.5 kms north and south of the Uretiti DOC camp beach access way</p> <p>My thoughts are that the council seems to lack knowledge about the area and its use by locals or visiting dog owners or recreational beach users</p> <p>This area is utilised by horse trekkers frequently and the dung the horses leave behind is not required to be picked up or removed - Why is that ?</p> <p>Also the Uretiti Tip Rd access point is utilised by recreational fishermen and a vehicle and motor bike access way onto the beach areas both north and south. Most beach vehicle /bike drivers are respectful of others but there is a few from time to time - especially in the summer months who view the beach as a race track - no speed enforcement has ever been seen signage wise or in person</p> <p>My thoughts are to keep the stretch of " off leash " as it is shown in Map 7 and include the area (south) to the Uretiti Tip Rd entrance but no further</p> <p>If a summer ban on dogs is required then an area of 1 - 1.5 kms north and south of the Uretiti DOC camp ground beach access way would be reasonable and welcomed by beach goers / families as nobody needs to be relaxing in the sun and surf amongst Dog or Horse faeces</p> <p>Maker posts brightly painted would help indicate the summer prohibition areas along with signage</p>
DOG-MGT-24	liz allen	<p>As a registered dog owner and therefore funder of Council's dog management, I am disappointed at WDC's continued emphasis on dog restrictions rather than provision of animal welfare support. Dogs are not the problem, humans are, always!! Registration fees could instead be used for funding positive welfare initiatives such as free education and puppy training courses to earn subsidized vaccinations/ worming/ desexing /micro-chipping and increased accessed to parks and walkways at certain times to encourage socialisation.</p> <p>I would also like WDC to manage tourist access to dog exercise beaches by providing security monitoring of freedom camping sites to ensure these are not being over-loaded. As a Whangarei Heads local who walks their dogs daily around 0700hrs at Ocean Beach, I find the Ranui carpark area can frequently have far in excess of the assigned campers, overwhelming the facilities and beach access ways</p>
DOG-MGT-25	Kyle Ward	<p>I believe dogs should be allowed on the beach along both sides of the Whananaki South sandspit if they are under control. I understand there is nesting at the very tip and this should remain no dogs or be changed to on lead below the high tide mark. I feel the very minor damage that a dog under control does is nothing compared to the horses, tractors, and bikes that continually ride through the nesting area.</p>
DOG-MGT-26	Margaret Crichton	<p>I strongly disagree with changing the status quo on the stretch of beach north of tip road. It is the only all day dog exercise beach (#07map) within a 20 min drive of many waipu properties. If there is a high tide between 7am and 9am dog walkers struggle to get space. Responsible dog owners often pick low tide for dog walks so their dogs can swim well away from sand dunes (which are prohibited areas) if these restrictions are put in place dog owners from waipu area will have to drive up SH1 to the uretiti campsite public carpark. Crossing over the very busy sh1 centre strip!! Two of the reasons given in council documents for this change was 1. To remove dogs away from uretiti camp sight residents. Well making people drive up to the campsites adjacent carpark is hardly</p>

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going to do that. More dogs will be close to the campsite! The status quo have dog walkers parking at tip road. Turning left and heading north. It takes over an hour to get anywhere near the campsite?? So that reason does not make sense. Another reason given for moving all day beach further north was that the council had complaints about dogs being in the wrong areas? A very ambiguous reason. Not very transparent. How many complaints. Who made the complaints? Same person? Multiple people. Specific nature of complaints? Changing rate payers and dog license payers right to access their local beach all year round as they have been used to has to be backed up by solid evidence that these changes will suit the majority. This stretch of beach is used by horses (that don't pick up their droppings) motorcyclists who race up and down the beach and 4 wheel drivers who often speed and drive on the dunes. Are these groups being denied access at certain times? No. It's not fair to deny good dog owners all day access to their local beach. This is not a popular swimming beach. It's notpatrolled. There is enough space especially at low tide for everyone to enjoy. Dog walkers go north. Others can go both ways. If some people are breaking the rules then sort that problem don't punish all dog walkers by Taking away their all day access to this part if the beach. Waipu cove and Langs have controlled access hours. We need that beach at tip road. Dog ownership has gone up by 38%. We need our space.we need a fair kick of the ball!



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DOG-MGT-27	Jesse Card	<p>All dog ownership should be treated like gun ownership. Owners should have a license, with two levels. A breeder's/kennel-owner level that is for professionals to have and hold dogs that are not-desexed. They should have to show they have the facilities and space to safely hold multiple dogs, without allowing them to get off the property on their own, showing they know how to train all dogs in kiwi-aversion, and that become the points of contact for anyone wanting to own a dog. They ensure all dogs being adopted are desexed, chipped, and registered. They have clear paperwork of all animals leaving the property or being born. These are the only owners allowed to have fully intact dogs. The public license is like a standard gunowners license. You must show you have the facilities to securely hold a pet, a place for it to go to void waste in a sanitary manner, and show adequate knowledge in controlling their animal. This should mean any dog will be able to be verbally controlled consistently, with very few exceptions. The owners will understand that more than a couple citations will mean they will lose their ability to have a pet, keeping the stakes and standards of having a dog high.</p>
DOG-MGT-28	TRACEY CLARK	<p>For me personally and if Facebook community pages here in Whangarei were to tell a story, it would be that the majority of Whangarei residents are totally and long over the issue surrounding roaming dogs within our city. Around the streets, in our parks, they're everywhere. The issue is well out of control despite the long on going and awesome work by the Animal Control team. One public place where roaming dogs is always of huge concern is Tawera Park behind the info center... Visitors put off stretching their legs during their travels.... Children to scared to walk through, to and from Hora Hora Primary... Local regular walkers / Joggers apprehensive to use the grounds.. Parents not allowing their children to play at the park, All due to continually roaming dogs... and dogs off leash unsupervised. We are being denied the right to walk our local suburbs freely and without fear of rushing or attack</p>
DOG-MGT-29	Sue Foster	<p>I would argue that dogs should be allowed to use the north side of the beach from the Tip Road car park off leash all year round. People who do not like dogs can go south. In the summer Uretiti beach at Tip Rd is never very crowded and I think 6 weeks is far too long to require dogs to be on leash. There are very few places from Waipu where dogs can run free. I walk on this beach every week and we are all a respectful bunch of people and dogs who all know each other. If you allow horses to ride on the beach then you have to allow dogs.</p>

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DOG-MGT-30	Barry Martin	<p>The moment the dog leaves a property in a public environment then it should be on a lead. Dogs are so unpredictable towards strangers.</p> <p>Dogs on playing fields is a no no because of dog faeces that are not picked up by some owners. So unhealthy to children whom play sport.</p> <p>There's a time and place for things and the sports field is not a dog run area.</p>
DOG-MGT-31	Stuart Knights	<p>I walk my two labradors twice a day, usually early morning and late afternoon/ evening (depending on daylight hours) for an hour each time at Uretiti beach between Tip Road and the orange post in the dunes before the DOC campsite . As such I am on the beach probably more than anybody else given most dog walkers go once a day, most fisherman rarely go more than once or twice a week and for a few hours, a few horse riders and horse trekking groups might go for a hour or two a couple of times a week and the motorbike and quad bike enthusiasts who are usually only around on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The beach is usually pretty empty both of people, and birds. I usually see two to four pairs of Oyster Catchers, a couple of Dotterels and the usual 2 or 3 types of gulls scavenging fish carcasses left by fishermen and the odd shag and gannet along with swallows and meadow/sky larks above the dunes . The only other wild life is usually dead eg young penguins, shearwaters after a storm, seals, dolphins and sharks. I have never seen any problem with a dog owner and another user of Uretiti beach in the 600+ hours I am on the beach each year. Yes I have seen motorbikes going up into the dunes both to the left and right of Uretiti tip entrance, yes I have seen the odd dog walker turn right rather than left, usually because they have a nervous or reactive dog and want to keep it on the lead and away from other dogs and all the fishermen. Even in the summer Uretiti rarely had more than a dozen or so groups spread across both sides of the beach.</p> <p>There is no need to have the left hand or north side of Uretiti from Tip road unavailable all year to dogs. There is very little / if any shorebird breeding on the north side. I already drive 15 to 20 mins from Waipu Cove to get to Uretiti twice a day, as the Waipu Cove beach dog area is so small it is pointless and a waste of time for people with larger dogs who need to run unless they want to walk backwards and forwards 4 or 5x.</p> <p>Moving the access for dogs further north to the DOC campsite area will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) increase the carbon emissions as people, who mainly come from Waipu and Waipu Cove have to drive further 2) I can predict there will be a death as an elderly dog walker, as most I meet are over 70+, tries to turn against Southbound traffic on SH1 to get into the DOC campsite entrance 3) probably be pointless as will the no dog access from tip road in the Summer be adequately policed or controlled. Most dog walkers I have spoken to will ignore any change if introduced. 4) There will be no significant change to bird life or the experiences of summer beach goers if this proposal is put into law <p>New Zealand is known for its outdoor lifestyle but our local area has almost nowhere apart from Uretiti beach at Uretiti tip road where u can walk my dogs off the lead for 8+ km a day.</p>

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		<p>People are able to drive cars at 60 to 70kmh well above the speed limit, do spins etc etc on the beach which happens most days and nothing is ever done about it while a person walking a dog and chatting to other dog walkers , with all the benefits to health and wellbeing that that brings are being shunted further and further along the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-32	Colin Munro	<p>I have walked Uretiti Beach almost every day since 2007. I have observed first hand the effect human beings have on the beach and dunes. From my observations; There are no irresponsible motorcycles, irresponsible off road vehicles, irresponsible horses, irresponsible dogs or irresponsible chicken carcasses. There are only irresponsible human beings.</p> <p>Walking the beautiful sands of Uretiti Beach I have regularly witnessed and continue to witness; Motorcycles being driven, along the beach at speeds in excess of 100 kilometres per hour. Motorcycle riders performing "wheelies" at high speeds as they drive past children playing on the beach, walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, horses and riders, fishermen to name a few. Riders losing control of their motorcycle while performing a "wheelie" and coming off their machines to slide along the sand at speeds over 50km/h. They went one way-their motorcycle went another. Their lycra suits were shredded by the sand in every case. Motorcycles being driven into and out of the dunes to such an extent that where there were once only three gaps in the dunes between Tip Road and the estuary, there are now in excess of 30. Off road 4-wheel-drive vehicles being driven through the gaps and then being driven recklessly throughout the dune areas. Irresponsible dog owners walking through the gaps, into the dunes, with dogs. Police vehicles driving along the beach, ignoring the noise of motorcycles and 4 wheel drive vehicles marauding throughout the dunes. Christmas holiday visitors leaving their crab bait (chicken carcasses) on the beach, sharp ribs uppermost, waiting for some poor barefooted victim. I counted 27 discarded carcasses one Christmas eve.</p> <p>Mostly, I have also witnessed; Responsible drivers of vehicles and motorcycles adhering to the 30 km/h limit. Responsible drivers of vehicles staying out of the dunes and on the beach. Responsible dog walkers with dogs on leashes being walked along the beach. Responsible dog walkers with unleashed dogs, under control, playing with owners and enjoying the sun, sand and surf. Horses, under the control of their rider, slowly entering or emerging from the dune areas.</p> <p>To ban dogs (and their) owners from Uretiti Beach is nothing short of ridiculous. It is also grossly unfair and above all else, insulting to the responsible dog owners of this area who make up the vast majority. This policy punishes the responsible dog owners of Bream Bay for the behaviour of the irresponsible.</p> <p>Whomever created this policy fails to understand what the real issues at Uretiti Beach are. They also fail to acknowledge a key point - which applies in my case. The majority of dog owners spend a lot of money, procuring,</p>

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		<p>vaccinating, registering and training their dog. It costs a lot of time and a great deal of money. If we allow our animal to wander freely through the dunes, there is every chance that we might lose our animal and our considerable investment. However, it's not just about the value of the dog. Responsible dog owners understand cause, effect and consequences. If their much loved pet is not controlled properly they may well lose it. Not under control, it might run off or at worse be run over by a speeding motorcyclist or an off road vehicle marauding through the dunes.</p> <p>This proposed policy also does not take into account; The responsible residents of the Bream Bay area have few places to safely exercise their dogs. We do not enjoy the benefits of those urban ratepayers who have multiple dog only areas throughout Whangarei to choose from. We only have Uretiti Beach</p> <p>I also wish to point out that on my walks, along Uretiti Beach, I always take a spare bin liner. I collect every alcohol bottle, piece of glass or plastic I find and take it home to put in my weekly garbage. I have noticed a few other dog walkers doing the same at low tide (our favourite time). That's because we are responsible. If we cannot walk our dogs along Uretiti Beach I hardly think the council and the irresponsible are going to clean our beloved beach up. Shame on you as a council for even considering such a lop sided, ill thought out, scatter gun policy.</p>
DOG-MGT-33	Annie Newall	<p>Wanting to oppose planned change of dog law rules for Uretiti Beach north of Tip Road. I would definitely like to see available access for dogs north of tip road as a responsible dog owner. Its been greatly appreciated that dog owners have had this freedom to give our dogs a stretch of this beach to exercise and play on without any concerns or rules.</p>
DOG-MGT-35	Elise Koncsek	<p>5.2 - Agree that fees for neutered dogs should be lower than dogs that can reproduce.</p> <p>6. - There needs to be a way for bystanders or victims of dog aggression to easily report menacing or dangerous behavior as well as off-leash violations, without personally engaging with the dog owner, as this is more likely to escalate rather than resolve the danger. This would be best via an online webform which includes details like location and date of incident as well as estimated breed, size, and color of the aggressive dog. These reports need to be collated into a database sortable and searchable by enforcers, such that if multiple reports at a location or of a particular dog description form a pattern, enforcers know to more regularly patrol an area.</p> <p>15.1 and Schedule 1 - Agree that all dogs need to be on a leash in public places not specifically designated as an off-leash dog area. Even though most off leash dogs are friendly, a quickly moving dog can easily frighten anyone with a dog phobia and startle to tumbling anyone not sure on their feet, such as the elderly. Additionally, off leash dogs are the most likely to leave feces that are not picked up by owners, as the owners may be unaware of them or may assume nobody will know they are the owner.</p> <p>15.1.e Related to dogs in heat, I feel that all dogs should be required to be neutered, unless a breeder's license is held by the owner, and the license should include breeding location inspections to ensure dog health and welfare is in order. This should reduce puppy mill operations as well as unintended increased dog populations. I also feel that council should fund free neutering services to everyone, as this is the only way to get most people to actually get it done. Our rates should pay for free neutering clinics, as fewer dogs and healthier, safer dogs in our community is a public service for everyone.</p> <p>Schedule 2 - Dogs should not be allowed off leash anywhere near where native birds roost, including beaches. The morning and</p>

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		evening times are sensitive times for birds as they may be going in to roost on the ground where they are very vulnerable, or are taking advantage of a lower human activity time to forage.
DOG-MGT-36	Eszter Krisztian	Keep beach open for dogs north of Tip Road, Ruakaka for all year round.
DOG-MGT-37	Sarah Doran	The proposed changes to Uretiti beach are again restricting the areas where dogs can be walked, this in conjunction with the extortionate registration fees is excluding dogs and their owners from being able to enjoy the northland scenery and areas of enjoyment. As rate payers and dog registration payers the council seem to continually persecute Whangārei area residents. I am really disappointed to see the non inclusive proposals from council. Driving on Uretiti beach and other dangerous behaviour seems to be the councils more preferred activity!
DOG-MGT-38	Robyn and Derek Tutill	Uretiti beach, to the left only of the Tip Road, is one of the few places now that local dogs can be exercised. We have done so for years - on lead if necessary (i.e. other dogs approaching, or horses/riders passing by). Our dogs don't chase other dogs or birds, and don't even go up into the sandhills. This is totally unnecessary and would destroy a great community spirit down there. We certainly don't support this.
DOG-MGT-39	Helen Childs	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-43	Jennifer Ross	I do not agree with the proposed changes to the Bream Bay -Uretiti dog access. It is proposed in Map #7 that dogs are allowed off-leash except 9-5pm in the Summer Season. I am submitting my strong disagreement with this. I would like for the dog access at Uretiti (Tip Road North) to remain 24/7 as off-leash dog access.
DOG-MGT-44	David Golding	I would like to speak about dogs that are in my suburb of Whangarei
DOG-MGT-45	Christina Aitken	Uretiti Beach, Tip Road access - please don't make any changes to dogs being allowed 24/7, 365 days of the year. This is our local, we enjoy taking our dogs here, and go often, especially over the Xmas holiday period. It is one of the last places we can take our dogs off leash, in a large, wide open area - it is possible to find spots to ourselves here. Please don't take this away
DOG-MGT-46	Melanie Pullen	Please consider a maximum number of dogs per property, after which license is required. Most other areas in the country require a license for more than 2 dogs per property. This allows the dogs welfare to be ensured and the neighbors to be consulted. There are way too many aggressive, disruptive and uncared for dogs in Whangarei and very little in the way of control over their owners.

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DOG-MGT-47	Caroline	No change to dog access on Uretiti Beach. Vehicles are far more of an issue on this beach!
DOG-MGT-48	Diane Divett	The proposal to make changes to the exercise times for dog walkers at Uretiti Beach, Waipu is unnecessary. The status quo is working very well and there is no need for the changes over the Christmas holidays. In addition, it is a wonderful draw card to the area for visitors that they have such a fabulous beach to have a place to exercise their dogs all year round.
DOG-MGT-49	Sara Bennett	I strongly agree with the provisions outlined on Map 6 - dogs should be prohibited from Ruakaka South from 20 Dec to 31 January. Over the last decade I have seen an increasing number of uncontrolled and unleashed dogs on the beach during this summer period, which is high risk to the holiday makers and children on the beach at this time. Additional resources for enforcement is also required of dogs within the DOC Public conservation land
DOG-MGT-50	Christine Hitchcock	I've walked my dog on Uretiti Beach for years. All the dog owners I've come across are responsible. It's a long ocean beach, never many dogs on at one time. This morning, just me at 10am. I park at tip road entrance and only walk north. Please don't stop us from exercising our dogs
DOG-MGT-51	Susan McRae	I would like the Uretiti beach (via Tip Road) for dog exercise access to remain as previous, ie. No limitations of times, only condition is turn left (north) only and picking up dog faeces. This part of the Beach is the only place for locals to be able to exercise their pet dogs at anytime during the day, year round. Please refrain from implementing ridiculous restrictions (eg. Off beach by 9am back on after 5pm).
DOG-MGT-52	Ian and Ruth Walton	We would like to say that we strongly oppose the change of times to the access to Uretiti beach. We walk our dogs there daily at all times of the day, depending on the tides! There are so few places in the area where dog owners can walk their dogs off-leash, it would be a real shame if this beach should be restricted.
DOG-MGT-53	Kurt Vercoe	Dogs are not the problem here, I have resided in Waipu over 50 years, the most death/destruction/pollution/habitat disruption is caused either by nature or humans. If the council are to make a difference, not that it's possible, then that's where it should focus. Dogs have just as much right on earth as humans, actually I'd say they have more.
DOG-MGT-56	Juanita Bassett	The Registration fees are ridiculous! Have some discount for dogs that have not had any issues after say 4 yrs no incidences. We are sick of being charged so much when our dog never wanders, and never leaves the property! Bring down the fees!!
DOG-MGT-57	Geoff Suvalko	The proposed new restriction of no dogs on Uretiti beach from tip road north after 9am and before 5pm over summer is unacceptable. This stretch of beach is the only place to run and cool dogs over summer without a significant drive. A drive that results in carbon emissions and petrol costs. At a time when people are finding things tight this will result in dogs not being exercised during the day for many. This stretch of beach over summer has no more than a few people on it, its away from any pedestrian access of any populated area so absolutely appropriate for off lead summer exercise. Please reconsider this onerous bylaw

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DOG-MGT-58	Dan Welch	Please do not change the current dog walking policy at Tip Rd, Uretiti. All of Waipu beach is closed to dog walkers in the summer months, and dog walkers in Waipu and Waipu Cove must already drive to Tip Road. If this is removed, dog walkers will have to drive to Uretiti Campground, and make a dangerous cross-traffic turn on SH1 - an intersection that has already claimed several lives. This is unsafe. Most all dogs at Tip Rd are not a problem, please focus on dangerous dog breeds and irresponsible owners, not friendly dogs with responsible owners. Thank you for your consideration.
DOG-MGT-60	Liz Welch	Tip Road Uretiti is a very important and safe dog walking area. All of Waipu beach is closed to dog walkers in the summer months, and dog walkers in Waipu and Waipu Cove must already drive to Tip Road. If this is removed, dog walkers will have to drive to Uretiti Campground, and make a dangerous cross-traffic turn on SH1 - an intersection that has already claimed several lives. This is unsafe. Most all dogs at Tip Rd are not a problem, please focus on dangerous dog breeds and irresponsible owners, not friendly dogs with responsible owners. Thank you for your consideration.
DOG-MGT-61	Sharon Hicks	I think this is a big POSITIVE step for the Council to move forward with this Proposal!! Having the COUNCIL SAY WHERE YOU "CAN TAKE" your dog is brilliant 😊!! It's always been "where you can't take your dog"!! This has been sooo confusing!! 🤔👉 So thank you for been more POSITIVE towards our furry friends!! Just one other thing with regards to "HORSE RIDING" for people who own a horse!! Can we have MORE places to ride PLEASE?? It is soooo limited here in Whangarei! Also can we have a website saying WHERE WE CAN RIDE... 🤔🤔🐾 NOT always "where we CAN'T RIDE!! Again, like the dogs, this is sooo confusing also!! THANKYOU AGAIN!! 🤔🤔
DOG-MGT-62	Cheryl E Laurie	<p>Regarding change of rules to Uretiti Beach, North of Tip Rd: proposed change from off leash all year round to restricted summer hours.</p> <p>I am in favour of this change. It protects beach users from the camping ground over the school holidays and still gives dog owners access to the beach. Dog ownership has increased over the last 10 years and will continue to increase before the next review while camper numbers are liable to remain the same, meaning an increasing ratio of dogs to other beach users.</p> <p>The campers are unlikely to be submitting to this review and there is likely to be a loud opposition from Waipu dog walkers who don't want change, so although I can't formally speak on behalf of campers, I believe this should be taken into consideration.</p> <p>There is also an increased number of dogs in the summer brought by summer visitors.</p> <p>Although Waipu dog owners will think they have to go out of their local area to access an off leash area, it is only a short distance to the car park by the camping ground. They will get used to it.</p> <p>This change supports Policy 3.6 d and e</p> <p>d. Consider access on a district-wide basis, as well as a place-by-place basis</p> <p>e. Support safe interaction between dogs and people using public places to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress to any person, in particular, children and vulnerable adults</p> <p>I therefore support the change. However, especially in the first year of change, we do need more enforcement and regular patrol of this area. Existing signs are vandalised regularly so more robust signage is needed. One patrol should not be expected to cover the whole district from Langs through to Marsden Point. When there is a change like this we would need a dedicated person to educate dog</p>

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		walkers. There used to be a beach ambassador programme at Ruakaka, perhaps something like that could be sponsored through Council to work on this section of beach and also to monitor and discourage dogs being taken South of Tip Rd towards the Refuge.
DOG-MGT-63	David Ocean	Dogs on leash in town and all public places! Already around the loop there are to many loose dogs that comes up sniffing and barking even though there's a leash must be used rule around the loop! This needs to be enforced better! Thouse city security guards say and do nothing about it!
DOG-MGT-64	Fiona bowles	Hi I would like more off leash areas for dogs and I think it's great. I worry about poorly controlled/ aggressive dogs
DOG-MGT-65	David Bryant	I am against this as as dogs shouldn't be allowed in central city as some owners do not clean up after there's dogs and people who have fears with dogs.will be set off and upset . Some dog owner will not use a dog leash and say my dog harmless but with someone who has a fear the dog can smell it And people with a fear will not come to central city any more .im against this
DOG-MGT-66	Nina Quan	1. Allow dogs to go off leash on uretiti beach at all times. 2. Prohibit horses on Uretiti beach or make riders pick up their horse droppings. Same with dog owners
DOG-MGT-67	Clare Gordon	Absolutely need a least one track in whangarei heads to walk dogs, least 5k if not return there and back, on leash, not asking for off leash there, as responsible dog owners we have absolutely no where to walk , we pay rates and dog registration fees and feel that your not delivering the service we pay for in dog registration fees. The populations of whangarei has grown and is going to continue to grow , both centrally whangarei and in places like The Heads, and there are just not enough dog exercise paths and tracks, again, on lead would be absolutely ok, at the moment we have a two buinsssss, (not dog related) tha we can't move up permanently due to the restrictions , that's two business , employing people that could be working in the whangarei area but we can't move up permanently as we have absolutely no where to walk the dogs. I applaud you for looking at it as it is the cause of many arguments and distress but you also have the opportunity to get it right first time do better please . Thankyou .
DOG-MGT-68	Pauline	I do not want to see dog laws relaxed. There are so many unrestrained dogs in Whangarei it is unsafe for children and elderly to walk the loop and in town. These areas they should be on leashes.
DOG-MGT-69	Andrew Ivey	On page 8 of the Statement of Proposal, table row 2 refers to removing section on impounding, hearing procedure, issuing of infringement notices and signs. These current sections are apparently operation in nature and/or covered in other council processes. However, these are not necessarily easily obtained or available to members of the public, therefore there is no ability for an interested party, such as an owner accused of an offence against the act, to be able to refer to policy and procedure that will be taken by the council.

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		Furthermore to this, actions taken by the Animal Management contractor to the council should be considered, consistent and justified. How can actions and decisions made by them be examined for fairness if there is no guidance for them to follow, or more importantly reference for an accused owner to ensure they are treated fairly in accordance with principles of justice and in a similar manner to others. An example of this is section 10 of the current Dog Management Policy which relates to issuing of infringement notices. It gives clarity to council or the contractor taking action, and when discretion should be taken and who will be the decision maker in relation to cancelling notices. This information is important for an accused owner to be able to refer to and should remain in Policy. The proposed policy has none of this information but is the logical place for it to be published, rather than various areas of council business that may or may not be accessible to the public easily.
DOG-MGT-70	Tom WEBB	It is my belief that by failing to allow dogs an off leash area to run in the Whananaki area you are both impacting the dogs themselves, and the owners who have dogs knowing that the estuary is a place that allows for open area running for larger dogs. The Whananaki Estuary is tidal, it therefore is not a nesting location for endangered birds. The Whananaki Sandspit is an area where endangered birds nest and it is already a prohibited dog area. The Whananaki North side of the Whananaki should remain an area where dogs can be allowed off leash as the large sand flat at low tide is not an area where these birds nest. The eastern side of the Whananaki Estuary could be prohibited as it links up with the northern end of the sandspit where the endangered birds nest.
DOG-MGT-71	Sue Cooper	Langs Beach has been left out of the dog policy and bylaw. Dogs have been banned in the past from the beach between the hours of 9am and 5pm from about a week before Christmas to the end of January. The ban should be extended to 9th Feb i.e. after Waitangi Day. This period is the breeding, nesting and raising of young protected birds: dotterels, variable oystercatchers and white fronted terns. After 5pm, dogs should be on leash, as the birds are still there. A very small sign has been usually put on the side of the toilets at Langs but is invisible to cars and walkers going onto the beach. People either don't know, don't care or ignore the ban during the summer, with the dogs chasing the birds. A larger more visible sign with clear information is needed by the speed sign onto the beach.
DOG-MGT-72	Tracey Holmes	Hello I am AGAINST the changes for Uretiti beach, ESPECIALLY tip road access. With this planned change Waipu citizens will have to drive to Ruakaka or Uretiti Campground to be able to access the beach to walk there dog?? There is not enough access or parking at Uretiti Campgrounds. The gate is often locked which will stop people being able to meet the "summer season rule of morning (before 9am)". Tip road access is an amazing accessible beach for everyone. The main area for Land based fishing is south of tip road, which we enjoy fishing with our fur animals as they are apart of the family. PLEASE do not remove access tip road for dogs!
DOG-MGT-73	Bea and Jeremy Mossop	I believe the bylaws are fair and manageable, as a dog owner it is important to have off leash dog areas where dogs can run and exercise.
DOG-MGT-74	Samuel Lennon	Dogs should NOT be allowed in the central city, leashed or not. If someone walks, for example, a pit bull through the strand area (Cameron St) and it sees someone it wants to bite, the owner will not be able to stop it from breaking their leash and attacking said victim. Dogs should be permanently banned from the central city. Period.

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DOG-MGT-76	. [Anonymous]	<p>I am strongly opposed to introducing dogs in the CBD. Most people are not expecting to encounter a dog while shopping or going out for a meal, in a town centre. I am sure you will be able to do some research into other NZ CBDs and their rules. As much as there may be exceptions, the majority of Kiwis aren't used to animals being in their face in a shopping situation. They can be scary for some adults (who have had a bad incident with a dog in the past) and for some little children. Dogs often exhibit different behaviours to people based on their size. Then you have children who will want to pat every dog they see and you are not controlling what types of dogs are allowed in the CBD, so this may be unwelcome attention. As much as you are proposing to have them on leads, have you considered the reality that not everybody will follow the rules? Are you going to be providing dog enforcement officers to patrol the CBD at all times? I can assure you that if even a few people break the rules, it will be chaos having uncontrolled dogs running around the CBD. It may not always be practical or safe to wait until an officer can come out to attend. You have to then consider who will pay for the extra patrols and where the money comes from. If this necessitates an increase in dog registration, it would be better to seek feedback from dog owners first before making decisions like this.</p> <p>I think the potential for dog attacks (on dogs and humans) is pretty obvious, so I won't dwell on that. The other issue I have is that not everyone picks up their dog's faeces. I think most people do, but again, you need to consider the implications of this possibility. Are you going to be cleaning the footpaths more often, who will pay for it and should you consult with dog owners about the possible increase in registration, before deciding? I do not think it would be fair to increase land rates due to this increase.</p> <p>Lastly I will say that as much as most of us love our dogs, not all dogs are well-behaved or well-socialised. Having a blanket rule that all dogs are welcome in the CBD (as opposed to just service dogs) invites a lot of potential for disruption and discomfort for people without dogs who may not enjoy their company. They don't have a choice about where to shop or go out for a meal, but the dog owner does have a choice in terms of where they can take their dogs. I know my dog will behave in any public setting, but are you sure that all the other dogs in the district will behave in the CBD? If there is any doubt, the risk to public safety seems too great to even consider taking. I think the intention to do something nice for dogs and their owners needs to be balanced with all the practicalities and costs of the proposal. Good intentions are not enough. Well thought out policies always consider the consequences and mitigation.</p>
DOG-MGT-77	Jan Hansen-Jackson	No - dogs should not be allowed in the CBD.
DOG-MGT-78	Patricia Fenton	Responsible dog ownership is not always evident. Recently my family suffered a traumatic experience when roaming dogs slaughtered six sheep on their property. We also hear of dogs attacking other dogs, children and adults. I believe that dog management laws are currently too lax and penalties for infringements are no deterrent. While I'm more than happy to see well-controlled dogs enjoying our parks, I do not believe they should be in the inner city, except for working dogs. I'd like to see the council take a courageous stand and protect the vulnerable. Opening the way to potentially menacing dogs, even on leads would be a disastrous decision. While I have your attention, please renew the sign about dogs needing to be under control in Barge Park. I have frequently been rushed by large, uncontrolled dogs barking furiously while I'm walking in the park. They are also in an area surrounded by kiwi. Please take a responsible stance on this! All I ask is that signage makes it very clear to owners that letting their

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		dogs run free, not cleaning up their droppings and not being able to recall them is not allowed. (There is an old, indistinct sign to that effect. Please renew it.)
DOG-MGT-79	Martyn	i would like to see the people in charge of dog control doing move to keep safe to many dogs running around at night and day time with nothing being done no one turns up if phone
DOG-MGT-80	Sue higgins	I would like to see the dog policy in plain english. I would like to see more year round off leash beach and foreshore areas. To allow dogs on leash at parihaka mountain bike park.To be allowed in town centre. To neut problem dogs.to keep wetlands safe.I also agree with all the other council proposals.
DOG-MGT-81	Matt	No new dog restrictions to be introduced. They are part of the family
DOG-MGT-82	Matt Newby	The proposal is highly restrictive of dog access to public places, with poor, often unjustifiable, reasoning behind the restrictions.
DOG-MGT-83	Noeline Whitehead	<p>While the changes to the areas that dogs can be taken at Bland Bay I request that the area for dogs on leads on Bland Bay beach be extended from Whakaturia Ave reserve to the stream to the north before the Drinkrow property. There have been no nesting birds on this section of the beach for the last 4 years. The nest in the paddock by the stream and in front of the Drinkrow property.</p> <p>The foreshore south of the stream to Whakaturia reserve has been eroded by constant high seas. The birds have learnt that nesting on this section of the beach results in the loss of nests and eggs due to the tides.</p> <p>In addition. Cars, motor bikes and utes constantly drive along the beach through the areas where birds nested in the past. Horses are also ridden on the beach.</p> <p>Since the cyclones the food supply (tuatuas and small crustaceans)have disappeared from this end of the beach. This is evident by the total absence of oyster catchers feeding on this section of the beach. I walk this section of the beach most days and monitor the presence of bird life. There has been the occasional gathering of Dotterels at half tide on the beach.</p> <p>There are very limited places on can walk a small dog due to the high presence of large dogs (many dangerous dog breeds) that are not controlled on Bland Bay. The above mentioned area of the beach is safe from these dogs.</p> <p>As a permanent resident I would value the opportunity to walk my dog on this section of the beach as it enhance my ability to monitor the bird life, pick up rubbish, deal with bones that have been washed out of the burial grounds.</p>
DOG-MGT-84	David Rowe	Proposed area for dog walking should extend from tha Whakaturia Ave reserve to the stream at the northern end of the beach.
DOG-MGT-86	Kate Mitchell	We need a all year area for dogs to be walked on the beach.

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DOG-MGT-87	Eileen O'Sullivan	There are two few all day access places to exercise dogs. Bored dogs find ways to go out of properties and roam. Bream Bay (Map 7) should be kept all day access for dogs please
DOG-MGT-88	Zara ingrey	On lead access to beaches during summertime in whangarei region
DOG-MGT-89	Vivien Blackshaw	Please leave the dog time allowed on Uretiti beach (tip road end) as it is. ie no restrictions. If you must stop anything stop the motorcyclists! They are the most dangerous and disturbing. If there has to be a restriction for dogs, up until 10am and after 4pm would be best.
DOG-MGT-90	Kim Robinson	I like the dog control rules at Bland Bay. Fair and reasonable, but who is going to patrol the Bland Bay beach at the Western end? So many people take their dogs for a walk along to the western end (turn left on the beach and walk along) to where the birds nest, and no-one ever polices that area. It is so frustrating seeing dog owners down there who seem to have no idea it is no dog zone past the last baches. They always let their dogs off the leash when they get past all the baches. Maybe put a big sign on the beach and do some summer patrols along that end?
DOG-MGT-91	Ashleigh Dravitzki	I understand dog restrictions around the bird reserve- leave everything else alone. It's difficult to find awesome places to take a dog for a good run around especially in northland where there are so many protected tracks where we cant take our dogs. Leave us with what we have. The holiday makers are the reckless ones.
DOG-MGT-92	Maureen Bell	I see no reason to further restrict dogs on the designated off lead beaches. As it stands responsible dog owners will always do the right thing.
DOG-MGT-93	Liz Perales	I am for the status quo as regarding Uretiti Beach one of only I believe two beaches where dogs can be off leash all year. To deny access is against your mandate of public access. For fourteen years at various times of the day but preferably at low tide,we have enjoyed taking our Bernese Mountain dog Max now deceased to fully stretch his legs and give him full exercise. I live in Waipu where we have only one park and now our son has a Bernese whom he brings from Whangarei to access as we did Uretiti Beach from Tip Road. We also at times dog sit Clyde with us in Waipu and take him to Uretiti. In 14 yrs I have not seen anything but good dog ownership with dogs andd even noted dogs being put back on lead if children, families or noted other dogs on leash. Yes I have seen some dog poo but I do not believe this will stop that, as certain people just do not comply no matter the regulations. I have however an increase of stoats and feral cats up in the dunes when we have walked over the dunes without our dogs and feel that is the detriment to the bird nests. I haven't seen dog owners with dogs near the bird sanctuary and already we are not allowed to the South,turn right onto the beach Tip Road. Cars and bikes however do regularly go into the dunes. Horses drop faeces but do not collect their droppings. Overseas horses regularly have a bag at their backside to catch poo. Eg London and big cites in Europe.

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		<p>As far as the water edge is concerned when birds are noted, I have seen many people move up closer to the dunes away from the birds to give them their space and peace.</p> <p>Our rights of access have already been lessened over time but I strongly feel there is plenty of space for us all with education.</p> <p>Lastly Waipu and Ruakaka plus OTP businesses are struggling especially with the Brynderwyns closure and previously Covid restrictions and Cyclone Gabrielle. We rely on visitors hugely to keep our small towns going. The Grey parade caravan owners often have dogs and in summer many are in the Tip Rd car park. They choose to come as they know this is a off leash beach year around, then often go to our small towns for refreshment, stock up with supplies at the Supermarket. By changing the status quo some have already told me they will have to find other off leash places to stop. I advise them this is becoming extremely hard given in Northland other than private beaches, access is getting to be very restricted.</p> <p>Please read my submission and think hard before we loose more money to our rural community and have more behavioural issues with eg big dogs such as mine. For dogs mental wellbeing they have to be just dogs sometime. Responsible dog owners know their dogs need to freely play with other dogs, socialise with them and humans.</p> <p>Dangerous dogs. Here sadly I have close experience of this. If we have a serious dog label put on a dog, I fully expect that to stay and be enforced, not within weeks rescinded by Council after a few weeks because the owner put said dog behind an electric fence. Happy to discuss this with a Councillor as this area needs enforcement and follow up with both the dog owner and the person who put in the complaint. This should be written to the compliant person re the decision and why the Council has reversed a decision and why.</p> <p>With only one park and no dog exercise area in Waipu the very least that Council should be doing is setting aside more green space and establishing a dog park. This of course would not fit for our 53 kg gentle Bernese - he needs more space.</p> <p>I would like a slot for speaking at Council for five minutes. I have added the request here in case I miss the slot area. Rural internet coverage is not great so hope this goes through.</p>
DOG-MGT-95	Caroline Wilson	<p>Dogs should continue to be allowed on Ruakaka beaches through summer as are currently allowed. I would like to see the dog park enlarged and more off lead areas for dogs Maunu side of town particularly as barge park over recent years is now grazed by sheep. Responsible dog owners want to abide by the laws and restrictions but the council need to make it easier to enable us to do so, giving us access to more carried areas. Some irresponsible dog owners will continue to do what they want regardless but some may be more compliant if given accessibility to more areas.</p>
DOG-MGT-96	Lindy Davis	<p>Dogs need a reasonable stretch of beach to exercise and play.</p> <p>There are few accessible areas in Northland for dogs to run/swim without restrictions. This ultimately leads to frustration for both dog owners and dogs.</p> <p>The area north of Tip road is not a bird sanctuary. It's used by fishermen, cyclists, horse owners, dog walkers, motorbikes, trucks/cars.</p> <p>South of Tip Rd (a long stretch) is banned for dogs, so it's totally fair that dogs should be free to use the northern section of the beach</p>

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		<p>at any time. I walk Uretiti regularly and not once had to remind a dog owner to pick up their dog faeces, unlike horse owners who don't stop when their horses dump. Your current policy states; a) recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access to these places is essential for dog welfare, to integrate them with other users of public places, providing opportunities that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both dog and owner.</p>
DOG-MGT-94	Nicky	<p>Dogs parks. We need more off leash dog areas in Bream Bay Area. In Australia they had a great set ups. 1 big fenced in area split in half 1 for large dogs 1 for small dogs. They could still sniff each other through the fence but it stopped this stopped alot of fights with ganging up on the little ones.. Also massive beautiful parks unfenced one area for on leash and one area for off leash. Google dog parks Perth and there's hundreds of them.</p>
DOG-MGT-97	Brenda Smith	<p>I understand the need to provide areas for dogs to be off-leash and I think you have provided a good range of locations for dog owners to use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 3.2 - I believe the proposed on-leash area should be extended further south of the walkway access at 117 / 119 Bream Bay Drive, at Ruakaka Beach, given that there are a range of native and endangered birds nesting within the Bream Bay area and that the Godwits also are present for the summer period within that area. 2. Section 3.2 - I believe that dogs should be on-leash in the area from Mair Road beach access southward to beach access gate at carpark at intersection of Te Kamo St and Ruakanohi St, given that there are a range of native and endangered birds nesting within the Bream Bay area and that the Godwits also are present for the summer period within that area. 3. Section 5 - I believe the Summer Season Rules that state that beach access during the Daytime hours of 9 am to 5 pm is Prohibited should have the timeframe extended to 7 pm in the summer as many people are still enjoying playing on the beach and swimming well beyond 5 pm. 4. I would like the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw to include a section on "What Will Whangarei District Council Do" in relation to "Responding to Reports of Roaming or Menacing Dogs" - received from the general public. <p>As a regular walker in the Kensington area I have been unable to safely access the shared path from Jack St or Keyte St due to roaming dogs, some which have been very menacing. The last time I rang Dog Control some years ago, they said I had to have tied the dog up before they would visit. This is not practicable for a menacing dog. My freedom has been restricted by these dogs and I do not feel safe accessing this shared path from the entries closest to my home. We are also unable to put our rubbish bag out the evening before rubbish collection as roaming dogs have torn them apart during the night in the past.</p>
DOG-MGT-99	Christine Crawford	<p>I propose a change in the bylaw to ensure more dogs are desexed within Whangarei. I believe all dogs in Whangarei should be desexed unless the dog meets the criteria of having no recorded nuisance behaviour, having a fully fenced property and not of a menacing breed.</p>

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DOG-MGT-101	Tim Robinson	<p>Overall I am in support of the proposal as it stands. I am particularly thankful for the concession provided for allowing dogs into the CBD, after the feedback that was previously given. My only comment/observation about that point is that there must be good enforcement of any poor behavior by owners ie not having their dogs on short leashes, or bringing menacing and dangerous dogs into the city centre.</p> <p>I do want to challenge council about dog registration fees. Historically council has simply upped registration fees on the basis of the increasing cost of enforcing compliance, however council readily acknowledges that it is unregistered dogs/owners that are the problem, not responsible owners/registered dogs. Council should change the approach & take a far more "user-pays" approach and recover the cost of recalcitrant actions from the owners responsible, not pass the cost on to those of us to take the time and money to manage our dogs responsibly.</p>
DOG-MGT-102	John Gardiner	<p>The proposed dog management policy and bylaw is fundamentally flawed. The policy and bylaw are human-centric, with the default settings primarily designed to manage the nuisance factors of dogs on other locality users. My major concern focusses on the serious impacts off-leash dogs have on biodiversity, especially to shore-birds and waders.</p> <p>Putting aside the designated dog-prohibited sites (primarily DOC reserves) and dogs-on-leash sites and times, off-leash dogs have uncontrolled access to the rest of Whangarei District's coastline, at any time, provided they are under control. Dogs off leash but under control is, with a few exceptions, an oxymoron when it comes to impacts on wildlife.</p> <p>Thus, the proposed policy and bylaw essentially allow dogs off leash anywhere unless there is a good reason not to, rather than what it should be, i.e. not allowing dogs off leash unless in designated places where it has been determined that there is no significant risk from dogs to wildlife or other users.</p> <p>On this basis, the proposed "Section 5: Location specific dog access rules" is unacceptable and opposed by me as it abandons wildlife to dogs for the vast majority of the our coastline.</p> <p>This approach by Council could well be due to a lack of understanding or appreciation of what wildlife need, particularly shore-birds and waders. For example, many waders feed on mudflats within our harbours during the lower tides when they become vulnerable to off-leash dogs. More significantly, during high tides when the mudflats are covered, waders and other shore-birds need to fly to beaches all over the district to roost. I have seen many incidences of dogs running loose through flocks of bar-tailed godwit/kuaka, scattering them in all directions. These creatures arrive in New Zealand from Alaska around September to feed well and consistently before they fly back to breed in Alaska during March. Such continuous disturbances by dogs reduce their storage of fats which then jeopardises their survival capability on their return flight.</p> <p>The Policy and Bylaw need to be extended to protect wildlife where ever they are breeding, feeding or roosting, especially along the coastline. Whangarei District has numerous shore and wetland bird species that are rare and endangered, a notable example being the endemic brown teal/pāteke (<i>Anas chlorotis</i>), the sixth rarest duck in the world and the rarest duck in New Zealand. Whangarei District arguably holds the largest population of brown teal in the country, with its feeding, nesting and breeding habitat including estuarine areas around our coastline. Another example is the little blue penguin, or kororā, which has a conservation status of "at risk - declining". This slow-moving and vulnerable bird depends on being able to safely navigate our beaches to access roosting and nesting sites close by. The endangered New Zealand dotterel, or tūturiwhatu pukunui (<i>Charadrius obscurus</i>), is a resident of the Whangarei District but it is declining, primarily due to disturbance from dogs, especially during the nesting season.</p>

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		<p>In summary, dogs are a major threat to wildlife, due to either direct predation or disturbance during their feeding/roosting/nesting/fledging periods. This view is backed up by the Department of Conservation in the following two links: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/environment/dog-owners-get-lowdown-on-threat-to-coastal-species-in-doc-campaign/YFFCFHQHMC2MPBXHCBMJ2IQQ74/ https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/lead-the-way/</p> <p>Another concern I have with the Policy and Bylaw as it stands is that the off-leash dog sites and times seem to lack fundamental consideration of the terror dogs can create for children recreating on beaches. I have been a dog lover all my life and have had several dogs as pets and know the lasting trauma dogs can cause for children who have had no exposure to dogs. Further, I know many adults who continue to carry a fear of dogs and, almost invariably, their fear is related to an incident in which they were confronted by an over exuberant or aggressive dog during childhood. With this in mind the times (year and day) in which dogs are permitted off leash on beaches are, in my view, too generous and need to be tightened to provide greater safety for children's welfare.</p>
DOG-MGT-103	Andrea Deane	<p>I have never really given feedback but guess it's better than moaning about it after wards. I feel as a good dog owner that we should be rewarded for just that. As you have stated lower rego fee for fixed dogs both male n female. At look at dogs flies no problems from them then a xtra discount. We really have over the years been punished for been responsible owners and paying xtra costs to cover the non responsible owners and that's not fair. Also a life time tag like Auckland and many other councils have would be great. Kauri Mountain is a bit of annoying as I know my furkids literally wana spend the entire time in the water.</p> <p>Anyway all of what I have said will probably fall on deaf ears. But maybe also one more thing. That before nosie control ring to say my dogs have had noise complaint about them for barking that the caller really gets there facts right. Cus no way can there be a complaint about my two when we in Morningside and thus was Reotahi but caller was adamant it was mine when I knew it was my old neighbor wasn't tell I said well actually we are in Morningside she said oh we think it might be yours. That sort of ph call can be quite upsetting for some. Thanks.</p>
DOG-MGT-104	Mercelene Calitz	Dogs to be on leach at all times. No dogs in shops or cafés
DOG-MGT-105	simone waipouri-pihema	I would like the law to change about dogs that bite trespassers on their property, the laws is more on the trespasser side then on the the dogs the dog is to protect their property an the dog is only doing the job , I think the rego fees for dogs should be lowered an dogs should be aloud in more public places eg, parks beaches
DOG-MGT-106	Charlie George	<p>WDC is over reaching by placing 221 consent notices on private titles at time of subdivision</p> <p>It will take one env court hearing with a smart cashed up party to untangle the "no dog / cats or mustelids clause" under section 221 of the RMA.</p> <p>Private land is private land end of story</p>

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DOG-MGT-109	Melissa Noone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discounted (affordable) fee's for responsible dog owners - Cheaper Desexing - Target backyard breeders - On leash bush walks - A possible program/incentive working with dog daycares to provide discounted care for owners so they can afford and encourage them to place dog in daycare. This could lower roaming dogs.
DOG-MGT-108	Paul Philip Tilbury	<p>Unfortunately dogs are like people, they're all different, therefore it's difficult to make rules which fit all dogs. Also the blanket 'on leash' rule for the loop makes sense in the town basin and narrower parts but less so on the grass areas around the camera obscura and waka and wave sculpture.</p>
DOG-MGT-110	RICHARD DAVIS	<p>Firstly Council submission gives no specific reason why they wish to change rules to uretiti beach from tip road northwards. Surely this should be clarified as to the "problem" so the correct action can be taken.</p> <p>Tip road northwards is the only significant piece of beach in Bream Bay where dogs are allowed off leash at all times. In 15 years of walking our dogs here we have never had a negative dog incident. To ban dogs during the day in summer is not the purpose of the Dog control Act and has no Logical reason. Depending on tides, weather and individual jobs means there needs to be some beach open at all times..</p> <p>The only danger on this beach to humans is foolish humans driving motor vehicles at high speed, dropping wheelies and erratic direction changing.</p> <p>Humans who park at tip road and have a neurotic aversion to dogs can already walk south on the same beach where dogs are already banned.</p> <p>The ONLY un-picked up FAECES I have seen on this beach is HORSE FAECES.</p> <p>I have NEVER seen a dog attack a bird on this beach, but I have found three living seabirds with fishhooks in their guts and nylon trace coming out their mouths..fatal!</p> <p>While dogs can be a significant danger to kiwibirds these are not on uretiti.</p> <p>Fishermen, Cats, Rats possums Weasels and Stouts are FAR MORE SERIOUS SEABIRD PREDATORS and KILLERS!</p>
DOG-MGT-111	Carolyn Smith	<p>I think the areas where dogs are allowed off leash are too restrictive. The whole area of Totara parklands should be open. I also think it's important to consider that dog owners pay registration fees so this should be contributing to more access to areas for dogs to exercise and explore. I disagree that sportfields are banned for dogs at all times. They should be available as off leash parks when games aren't underway as owners have to remove faeces so it doesn't make sense to not allow a dog to run around and empty field. I think dogs should be allowed on lead at parihaka as it's no different to walking the river track re proximity to native bush, and an on leash dog is not a threat. I'm also concerned about labelling dogs menacing purely based on their breed. There should be an assessment as many pit bulls are friendly and gentle. I also think that there should be greater emphasis on equity between dog and cat owners. Cat owners should also have to register, microchip, neuter and stop their cats being nuisances to other property owners and a threat to wildlife.</p>

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DOG-MGT-112	Victoria Foster	I am thrilled that Bream Bay from Mair Road south is a off leash exercise area. last week during a walk on the beach, my dog was off lead and under control when a driver in a ute ran over my dog. We were approximately 1.5 km from the Mair Road carpark. Well within the designated area. If this is a designated off lead area as it should be. Please can we have no vehicles in that area. It is too dangerous to our four legged family members. Thank you.
DOG-MGT-113	Brendon Bliss	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-114	Sarah Soteria	<p>In my experience as a dog owner and resident of Whangarei, I have noticed that the rules in place for dogs are not followed by all dog owners, actually, barely any of them. There are some issues with otherwise responsible dog owners, with it being common practice to walk their dogs off leash at AH Reed memorial park, threatening our native kiwi. There are some reactive dogs which are responsibly kept on leash in public, but whether they should be in high traffic areas at all is another question. My dog has been attacked on the loop while I'm walking with my young children, and at the pohe island dog park, which is a place I am not comfortable taking my dog because of the amount of reactive dogs that attend who are not under control by their owners. There are also irresponsible owners who are already breaking more serious rules that have already been in place. My family visits whangaumu bay regularly in summer, however while there is a dog ban, there are always uncontrolled dogs on the beach which are of unfavourable breeds such as pit bulls and not under control by their owners. Sometimes this has caused us to have to leave as we cannot safely let our children play in the vicinity.</p> <p>The greatest concern I have, which I cannot mitigate myself, is the number of stray or wandering dogs of unfavourable breeds in my neighbourhood when I am out with my children. It makes us all feel unsafe. I believe that is by far the greatest issue we have in Whangarei and I would like the council to have a clear and hard lined plan to mitigate that issue above all others.</p>
DOG-MGT-115	Tesia Russell	<p>Dear Whangarei District Council,</p> <p>Re: Schedule 2 - Location Specific Dog Access Rules</p> <p>I am writing to provide my feedback for the proposed changes / existing laws outlined in Schedule 2 of the document regarding dog laws and bylaws (Location Specific Dog Access Rules). As a responsible dog owner residing in the Whangarei district, I greatly appreciate the council's efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of both residents and their canine companions.</p> <p>However, I would like to take this opportunity to advocate for a more inclusive approach towards dog ownership within our community. Specifically, I urge the council to consider expanding the areas where dogs are permitted, particularly in outdoor recreational spaces such as camping grounds and walking trails.</p> <p>As an avid explorer and outdoor enthusiast, I cherish the opportunity to engage in activities with my canine companion. Unfortunately, the current restrictions severely limit our options for recreation, forcing us to frequent mundane and overcrowded areas designated solely for dog exercise. While these spaces serve a purpose, they fail to provide the enriching experiences that come with exploring the natural beauty of our surroundings.</p>

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		<p>Allowing dogs access to a wider range of outdoor spaces not only enhances the quality of life for dog owners but also promotes responsible pet ownership. By encouraging regular exercise and socialization in diverse environments, we can foster healthier and happier relationships between dogs and their owners. Moreover, opening up more areas to canine companionship can strengthen community bonds and encourage a greater appreciation for our shared natural heritage.</p> <p>I understand the importance of balancing the interests of all residents and stakeholders involved. Therefore, I propose a collaborative approach that takes into account the needs and concerns of both dog owners and non-dog owners alike. This could include implementing designated dog-friendly zones within existing recreational areas, enforcing leash laws where necessary, and providing educational resources to promote responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>In fact, I could propose an example of an alternative approach to address the concerns regarding the protection of wild birdlife in certain areas. Instead of outright bans on dogs, the council could consider implementing a requirement for dogs to undergo specialized training courses, such as a kiwi aversion course, to mitigate potential interactions with vulnerable bird species. Owners could provide proof of their dog's completion of such a course, thereby demonstrating their commitment to responsible pet ownership and environmental conservation.</p> <p>Moreover, this approach could be extended to include other relevant training courses, such as child aversion training, to ensure the safety of all individuals sharing public spaces. By empowering dog owners to proactively address potential risks and behaviors, we can foster a culture of responsible ownership while simultaneously expanding access to outdoor recreational areas for canine companions.</p> <p>I am personally committed to undertaking any necessary training for my dog to ensure compliance with such regulations and to contribute positively to the preservation of our natural environment. I believe that this collaborative and proactive approach holds great potential in achieving a harmonious balance between the needs of dog owners and the preservation of wildlife.</p> <p>In conclusion, I believe that expanding access for dogs in outdoor recreational spaces aligns with the council's commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community. I urge the Whangarei District Council to consider these suggestions as part of the ongoing review process for dog regulations.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a positive outcome that benefits both residents and their beloved canine companions.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tesia Russell</p>

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DOG-MGT-116	Mere Kepa	<p>Clear rules are a sensible action to establish the balance among people, pets, and the wildlife. For example, although Ruakaka beach (south) is a training space for horses, the area includes people, dogs and the wildlife all 'using' the space at the same time. It is, therefore, nonsense for horses to pacing at speed along the beach at the same time as walkers enjoying the beauty of the ocean and the dunes,, dogs exercising, taraapunga, toroa, torea-pango and kelp feeding. Harmony should be the supreme reason for the rules, particularly on the coast.</p>
DOG-MGT-117	Nick Kelly	<p>Subject: Feedback on Proposed Dog Restrictions at Urititi Beach</p> <p>Dear Whangarei District Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bylaw restricting dog access at Urititi Beach. As a responsible dog owner, I find this proposal inappropriate, unjustified, and discriminatory.</p> <p>Urititi Beach is one of the few accessible open spaces where I can exercise my dogs. My work requires frequent travel, and I do not have the privilege of a fenced yard. For many years, visiting Urititi with my dogs has been a cherished recreational activity, providing crucial physical and mental health benefits for both myself and my pets.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this bylaw and explore alternative solutions that balance the needs of all beach users, including responsible dog owners. I am confident that a compromise can be reached that allows both dogs and humans to continue enjoying this beautiful natural resource.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Nick Kelly</p>
DOG-MGT-118	Meryl Sara	<p>Off leash is scary anywhere as you would know there are many owners who have no control. My Goldies get hurt at my own cost and my dog suffering.</p> <p>Dog owners who are not responsible owners , dogs suffer as well as us good owners. They should be banned from owning a dog for life.</p> <p>Breeders should be registered and all others dog owners should really be fixed, so we don't have puppies unwanted and out of control and breeders put in names they sold puppies to.</p> <p>I would love to walk my Goldies around streets but after an attack I have to much fear, the dog was put down of course but owner nothing done as dog unregistered and they denied it was their dog.</p>

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DOG-MGT-120	Roberta Jones	I fully support the current Dog Bylaws. However, I have a number of concerns. 1. Dogs transported in vehicles to Ruakaka Beach and Wildlife Refuge then allowed to run loose. 2. Dogs transported in vehicles via Tip Road, driven South, then let loose to run along the beach and into the Waipu Wildlife Refuge. 3. Lack of monitoring and enforcement of the two items above.
DOG-MGT-121	Helen Lagerstedt	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-123	Bree Joanne Torkington	Good sensible changes, and I love the clear maps and guidance about on leash, off leash, and prohibited areas.
DOG-MGT-124	MARY FINLAYSON	Please remove NO DOG ACCESS for Mt Parihaka and Matapouri / Whale Bay walkway. NO kiwis live there. It is a great way for dogs and their owners to exercise. I consider the ban on dogs on these walkway unnecessary.
DOG-MGT-126	Jo Martin	I have a lovely well mannered dog who likes water. I don't let her off lead but she has a long line lead if she wants to stretch her legs a little further than a short lead if it is a larger area than a footpath. I have control of this at all times. I agree that in Summer, dogs should not be permitted to wander free on all beaches, due to safety of the public. However, I think that a dog should be allowed on all beaches in Summer if it is on a lead ONLY (NOT off lead). I also think that something should be done to monitor the dog park. I took my dog there twice and people didn't seem to care if my dog was harassed by theirs. I have also heard of dog attacks at the park, due to dogs being there that shouldn't be and the owners not taking responsibility for that. Could there be cameras there with warning signs that it is recorded and if your dog harasses severely and especially if it attacks another dog that it is recorded. There could be a swipe card system and you have to apply for the card. It not only would show who is there and with which dog, but it would also mean that people are more likely to take responsibility if they know that they are being recorded (which could be pulled up at any time) and that there is a heavy fine if their dog severely harasses and especially if it attacks another dog. Thanks so much for your consideration, Jo Martin
DOG-MGT-127	Roseanne Truscott	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-128	Shannon Douglas	There is no mention about dog owners respecting other dogs. One day my elderly mother and I were walking her two small companion dogs, both on a leash, in Mander park. Mum's two dogs are anxious around big dogs and can be quite defensive because of their anxiety. A young woman was there with her young highly energetic Labrador off leash. The Labrador bounded towards us and I called to the owner to please call her dog back. She didn't so I called out again "Can you call your dog back please." Her reply was "It's ok she's friendly." I replied "Our dogs are anxious around big dogs, can you call your dog back please." The young woman became extremely verbally abusive and aggressive, and her partner ran over and grabbed their dog and put it on a leash. Too often when dog owners are asked to call or pull their dog back the reply is "It's ok s/he's friendly" with no consideration or

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		<p>respect given to the dog/s their dog/s is/are approaching, or any consequences that might break out. Some anxious dogs do get defensive when they are approached by other dogs and if they are not called or pulled back a fight could break out and the other dog owner will blame the owner who had simply asked them to call /pull their dog back. If a dog owner asks another dog owner to call or pull their dog back, there is a reason for it and it should be respected.</p> <p>Re: Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy page 10 – section 14.1 d. promote safe interaction between dogs and people using public places to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress to any person, in particular children and vulnerable adults AND OTHER DOGS</p> <p>page 11 – section 15.1 a. respect other people's AND OTHER DOG'S personal space and be aware that public places are for everyone's enjoyment and not everyone is fond of dogs AND NOT ALL DOGS LIKE TO BE APPROACHED BY OTHER DOGS</p> <p>There should be a fine (by way of a deterrent) for dog owners who don't call or pull their dog back when asked to.</p> <p>Perhaps there could be a reminder on signage to call/pull their dog back when asked to. 'Please respect other dogs and their owners and call or pull your dog back when asked to.'</p> <p>OTHER:</p> <p>Registration fees set at a lower rate for pensioners.</p> <p>Registration fee set at a lower rate for second dog. (for owners of two dogs)</p> <p>There is no reference to Carruth park on Maunu Rd opposite Porowini Ave.</p> <p>Dogs should be on leash in ALL parks where there are children's playgrounds.</p> <p>It's good to have a fine for not removing dog faeces from public places, but not all dog owners pick up their dog's faeces. So how is it going to be monitored?</p>
DOG-MGT-129	Gordon Price	<p>I am not a dog owner. I have had a property towards the northern end of Bland Bay for almost 40 years. The beachfront location of that property has meant that I've had a better opportunity than most to observe the beach without necessarily being on it. In my experience, including time spent walking on the beach, dogs do not create issues for other beach users. There have been very few instances of stray dogs on the beach in that time. Dogs are invariably accompanied by their owners, whether on or off a lead, and in my experience dog owners are very sensitive to the prospect that other beach users may be intimidated by dogs and control their</p>

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		<p>dogs accordingly. If the purpose of this proposal is welfare of the public generally, then I believe that these proposed restrictions are unnecessarily harsh. Increased restrictions would only punish the vast majority of dog owners due to a negligible number of incidents (1 or 2) that I'm only aware of anecdotally over a long period of time. The response would be out of all proportion to the perceived issue.</p> <p>If, on the other hand, the restrictions are being proposed due to concerns about wildlife and nesting birds in particular, then I believe it is misplaced and counter-productive to Council objectives in this regard. The instances of uncontrolled (unaccompanied) dogs is virtually negligible in my experience. Based upon my observations, the greater risk is domestic and feral cats that hunt on the beach, or other forms of recreational use of the beach.</p> <p>Over the last decade or so, there has been increasing engagement of local community in initiatives to enhance habitat and protect wildlife that have included native planting initiatives and pest control. Punishing the community for any misconceived threat from dogs when it has proactively and positively engaged in the way it has would be counter-productive as it merely disincentivises what has been positive community engagement. The community has demonstrated that it takes the Bland Bay environment seriously and is deserving of more assistance, not restrictions that will diminish a sense of community well-being. Council should give weight to responsible and proactive behaviour in the broad context and not act against what is the lowest category of risk after people walking on the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-130	Terence Walsh	<p>Given the monumental increase in our rates, cost of living, price of petrol, increase in insurance premiums etc, those like myself and my partner who are on a pension simply cannot afford a further increase or even the current cost of owning a dog which provides us and many others in the same position with a great deal of joy and comfort. I find it grossly unfair senior citizens who have paid taxes and rates all their lives are struggling to live a well deserved comfortable retirement without the worry of losing their dog because they cannot afford to register it. Why has Council spent so much on the failing Hundertwasser project and the Taj Mahal which are their new offices, surely ratepayers do not have to bear the burden of failed projects! It would be well advised for Council to rethink its policy of incremental/substantial rate increases as I and many others will ensure, come the next elections a new team of councillors and Mayor could grace the Council offices.</p>
DOG-MGT-132	Christine	<p>I have had enough of the governments over reach and I oppose your dog management policy and by laws. Who are you to tell me what I can and can't do in regards to dog ownership or any other animal ownership for that matter? You are not God. It is my God given right to live as I please within God's laws. This is an obvious oppression of those rights which I will not comply with. The council is not on the side of what is good and right but a henchman for its evil overlord set to destroy God's creations. Poisoning all our wildlife, restricting animal ownership. You will not dictate to me or any of my family what we can and can't do in regards to our dog who is a part of our family unit. I predict that the council will suffer a severe back lash from this totalitarian proposal.</p>
DOG-MGT-131	Ruzich Ruzich	<p>The banning of dogs on Bland Bay beach is ridiculous and is driven by a very small group of dog haters pursuing laws that dont exist .Over fourteen years walking dogs on the beach, i have never seen a problem. The main statute bleated is the Dog Control Act 1996. The only vaguely relevant part of this act is the fine in schedule 1 for failure to keep dogs under control under s53(1).Unfortunately, s53(2) clearly states that "an owner of a dog does not commit an offence against</p>

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		<p>subsection(1) by reason only of a dog being found at large in a public place in contravention of any regulation or by law" So where else might the whingers look to? barking is not an offence on public land. Any "rushing" at animals must endanger, injure or kill people or damage or endanger property (s57A(1)). Furthermore, an "attack" on wildlife is distinct from "rushing" or "startling"-in other words, a dog must physically cause harm (ss57 & 58)</p> <p>Then there's the Wildlife Act 1953. The most prevalent beach birds at Bland Bay are the Oyster catchers and a few Dotterals. The Dotterals suffer from the fact that the shell banks shift constantly up and down the beach with the tidal flow in adverse weather. They are also affected by pigs that root through their nesting area. NOT DOGS. The act's (schedule 5) wording does not extend to cover what some narrow minded dog haters are hoping. Section 63(1(a)) couldn't be clearer that it is an offence to hunt or kill protected wildlife (or rob, disturb or destroy nests. The intention, as the title of the section states, is to avoid the "taking of protected wildlife". Those terms "hunt or "kill" have however, specific meaning under S2. If Parliament intended the act to say "pursuing, disturbing or molesting by a dog" it would say that. IT DOES'NT .</p> <p>Many attempts have been made by conservationists, including DOC, over the years to amend this part of the act without success. Instead they misinform the public.</p> <p>The Conservation Act 1987 reinforces this position by requiring that a dog must cause death or result in wildlife to be euthanised for an offence to be committed (s26ZZQ(1)).</p> <p>The intimidation of some Bland Bay people photographing and threatening dog walkers under false pretences to further their various personal agendas is creating a confronting and unpleasant community.</p> <p>Now it appears Council is being harassed to pass draconian bylaws to achieve their agenda.</p> <p>COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER TO OVERRIDE LEGISLATION> neither does DOC</p>
DOG-MGT-134	Jan Sime	<p>AT 9:00a.m. on Saturday mornings for well over a decade a dog social club has met in Stuart Rd behind the church. There, and outside the hall, dogs and their owners learn obedience and agility. It is rare for children, or anyone, to be in this area at this time. Now there are Council signs prohibiting dogs between 20 December and 31 January 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Members of this group of careful dog owners feel there is no need for this ban and wish it removed as the only Saturday they don't meet is on Christmas Day. Children and other beach users go the main stretch of McLeods Bay, not in Stuart Rd.</p>
DOG-MGT-135	Stephanie Korucu	<p>Please don't change all year access to summer hours on Bream Bay Beach</p>
DOG-MGT-136	Pat Thompson	<p>I think that regardless of dog breed or the places that they are taken to, except the dog park, that the bylaw should state that they be on a leash at all times. To go to a beach and have other dogs rushing at me and mine is not a pleasant experience. "Under control" should mean "on a leash at all times" in any public area. Pat Thompson</p>
DOG-MGT-137	Colleen McCulloch	<p>I think the current policy and bylaws are sufficient. As a Waipu Cove resident and dog owner I agree with the summer hours and dogs being under owners direct control on the section of the beach before the bird reserve.</p>
DOG-MGT-138	Colleen Robinson	<p>Dogs should definitely not be allowed anywhere near the Central City or Town Basin. On two separate occasions I witnessed a couple with their dog on a leash walking thru the town basin and allowing it to piss on the corner of the cafe buildings and where the</p>

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		<p>children play on their bikes. A 2yr old boy fell off his little bike right where the dog had left its puddle. Disgusting. Again at the farmers carpark intersection lights, a lady had 2 very large dogs on leashes but again allowed both dogs to piss on the pedestrian crossing pole at the children's height. I confronted both couples expressing my disgust and they didnt care at all. Absolutely disgusting. I love dogs but my dogs are well trained and disciplined and their are plenty of places people can take their dogs for a run without taking them into the Central City & Town Basin. It's a huge resounding NO!!! DOGS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE CENTRAL CITY OR TOWN BASIN. I would like to take my dogs to the offending dog owners houses and have my dogs piss on their kitchen table legs and bed posts. Because that is what you are allowing if you let irresponsible dog owner's the freedom to abuse the privilege.</p>
DOG-MGT-139	maria gabriel	<p>Keep summer hours as is on Tip Road going north.</p> <p>There are already too many restrictions at Waipu and Bream Bay. Reducing access times is in complete contradiction to councils proposal and public opinion to provide more off leash year round beach and foreshore areas as quoted in the Whangarei Leader May 1 2024.</p>
DOG-MGT-140	Larisa mann	<p>Hi I think there's too much fines impounding ..with little evidence given ... also dogs and owners deserve the right to be given education and redirection everyone makes mistakes dogs get out accidentally etc more green spaces and off leash areas need to be retained and more dog friendly spaces made it's not only good for the dogs wellbeing but the humans many elderly enjoy the exercise we need more parks that are user friendly the Hikurangi sports park has a really high use off dogs walkers and needs to be retained many families individuals and elderly use this area Also Hikurangi has very few outdoor enjoyable green spaces so it's important council keep these areas ..with regards to dog welfare .. dogs are not protected enough from cruelty being chained 24/7 is not acceptable in 2024 ..desexing programs and funding needs to be stepped up as does education around compassionate care off a dog the spca seems over whelmed and has little funding .. our council collect registration fees yet dogs are suffering in terrible conditions all over northland starved and left on chains in back yards</p>
DOG-MGT-141	Peter Connor	<p>There are two access ways to Ruakaka Beach that are currently dog on leash access ways. The new proposal seems to now make them Dog Prohibited areas. I would like to see them remain as dog on leash access ways. They are the boardwalk and steps south of the Surf Club off Bream Bay Drive and the track from the end of Bream Bay Drive that passes through the dunes to the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-142	Diane Mungo	<p>The designated off leash fenced area opposite Pohe Island carpark becomes a quagmire after any heavy rainfall. There appears to be no adequate drainage of the field and it takes days to dry out to a state which makes it fit for use again. It can often be unusable for weeks at a time . This is the only enclosed area for an unleashed dog to have unobstructed running/chasing, the other having agility equipment in it. It is also not very big.</p> <p>Would it be possible for either another larger paddock -like exercise field to be allocated and fenced off, or improve the drainage and extend the boundaries of the current one?</p> <p>Also, perhaps add signage requesting that owners do not allow their dogs to dig holes in the exercise area as this is a hazard to both dogs and their owners.</p>

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DOG-MGT-143	Judith Cullen	<p>Very unhappy about blocking summer access for Uretiti off lead beach - there is no where else you can take your dog off leash during daytime hours in the area unless you drive to Ruakaka. There are a number of other beaches for people which are better used anyway because of life guard presence.</p> <p>You have not provided any other areas in spite of saying that you want people to have access to off leash areas within the district. There are no dog parks south of Whangarei at all. Would like to see that changed.</p>
DOG-MGT-144	Allinda Hardwick	<p>Hikurangi township (postcode 0114) has a high level of dog ownership – my neighbour has 3 dogs and over again at least 4... It is very important to retain green areas in Hikurangi for people to walk and exercise their dogs, especially in summer when footpaths can get too hot for dogs to be walked on.</p> <p>Regarding Hikurangi Sports Park, at the moment there is no signage about what the park rules are, whether dogs are allowed or not, let alone whether it's on or off leash – no signage at the George Street entrance, nor at the top / first Park Street entrance. I'm not sure if there is signage at Waro or not, but Council should ensure that there is clarity with the bylaws and rules for these areas, especially if rules are changing.</p> <p>In terms of encouraging people to pick up after their dogs have gone toilet, Council should consider and implement ways to promote this – you will know what works best – maybe install dog faeces bins at the entrance/exit or... ?</p>
DOG-MGT-146	Suz Burgess	<p>I'm a dog owner and I support the proposed changes. Currently the rules are confusing and sometimes different in reality than what is specified online. I particularly support temporary ability to change access as situations change.</p>
DOG-MGT-145	Richard Cole	<p>I should like much better control of dogs by their owners. Too many owners seem to think that putting them out their door to roam is okay. Then they wail about their dog being lost on the Community Page. The Council needs to prosecute more often and have an instant fine process the so-called 'education process' does not seem to work. One warning only and a failure to pay fines or continual offences would mean prosecution and refusal to own a dog or any dogs On THE PROPERTY.</p> <p>Dogs should be on leads in any built-up area in the WDC .</p> <p>On the beaches any dog must be on a lead to protect the native birds and their nesting sites. Any dog found not on a lead should unfortunately be destroyed and the owner prosecuted.</p> <p>I do not believe dogs have a 'God Given' right to be free in NZ. Native birds and their nesting sites are paramount.</p>
DOG-MGT-148	Oakley Miller	<p>All dogs should be on a lead at all times when in public. Off lead areas should be fenced with good signage. There should be access to waste bags, bins and water. Dogs should not be aloud in the city centre.</p>
DOG-MGT-149	Diane Fleming	<p>My submission concerns: Dog Registration</p> <p>I am unsure where this issue would lye in your submission process but I feel it is a legal issue that needs to be rectified within your policy writing on dog ownership.</p> <p>The situation in brief:</p> <p>My daughter was in a relationship. 4 years.</p>

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		<p>Their got a couple of dogs, within a year of owning the dogs they were separated. My daughter moved onto our property where we built the dogs a kennel. She then went to register (year ago) and was told her ex partner had registered the dogs in his name to our property. He now uses this situation to harass my daughter and threatens to come get his dogs.. my daughter has looked after these dogs as her own for nearly 2 years with no financial support from her ex. He isn't allowed the dogs where he is residing. We have spoken to dog control about the situation and they've told us there's nothing they can do?</p> <p>My question is: How can someone register a dog without showing proof of where the animal and owner lives? Rates demand, tenancy agreement. I believe he registered them online. What safety standards are in policy to prevent this situation happening? This has now become a major issue for my daughter and her safety and one that the council has no resolve either... Thank you Diane Fleming</p>
DOG-MGT-151	Rian Gale	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All dogs on leash in common walking areas including The Loop. Compliance of small dogs also - frequently small dogs are off leash and instigate aggression towards larger dogs on leash. 2. Equal consequences for small aggressive and dangerous dogs 3. Dogs on leash in CBD - I live centrally and this is a significant inconvenience to circumnavigate the CBD. 4. Launch responsible dog ownership training to gain reduced dog registration fees. 5. More dog access areas.
DOG-MGT-153	John Beauregard, Nancy Beauregard	<p>Just because a vocal minority yaps louder than the silent majority for more beach access for their vermin, and just because the wdc finds it easier to legitimise what most of this vocal minority are already are doing in contravention of existing bylaws doesn't make it right. Stand up for the silent majority and ban all dogs on all beaches at all times.</p>
DOG-MGT-154	Vaughan Luff	<p>I would like to see restricted dog access on beaches (esp. around bird nesting areas, and areas people go to enjoy the beach.)</p> <p>Extend existing restrictions to (if they must be in the area) they must always be on a lead/and under control.</p> <p>Residential restrictions that owners must contain their dog on private property.</p> <p>Increased fines and/or destruction of dogs that are consider a nuisance to wildlife, and others.</p> <p>Essentially make the bylaws favour nature and peaceful enjoyment for all.</p>

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DOG-MGT-155	Ann Heatley	<p>Unless a guide dog is needed, council has an obligation to keep the city centre safe for residents and visitors of all ages.</p> <p>I am now in my 70's and have recently had several threatening events while in the Strand Arcade. Owners, especially with more than one dog walking in public shopping area and taking their dogs into the shops makes for a very compromising situation, i have had first hand experience and felt quite threatened with the type of dog breed.</p> <p>The city has been dog free for some years and there are so many public spaces available for them currently, dogs need space to exercise not walking through the city shopping centre.</p> <p>On one occasion recently a dog pooped in the Strand and the owner did not clean up. This is not acceptable and dogs are not the issue but the behaviour of the owner.</p> <p>Small children should also feel safe, walking with adults or in pushchairs.</p> <p>Please consider the older citizens as well as the young who are vulnerable.</p>
DOG-MGT-156	Kirsten Fathers	<p>I live in Hikurangi. Currently dog walkers in our village use both the rugby park and lake waro as off leash exercise areas. the rugby park is particularly used by the elderly to exercise their dogs as it is flat and accessible. Apparently there is an off leash exercise area next to the school but no-one can figure out where it exactly is or how to access it. I support both the edges of the rugby grounds (particularly near the George Street entrance and by the creek) to be left as off-leash areas to accommodate the people currently using it in this way. I understand completely the move to keep the fields clear of dogs. Also Waro is very popular for walking dogs and is heavily used. there is currently a small onleash area near Stuart Clarks home and that is completely understandable. The remainder should be left as off leash. Dog walkers in this area are responsible and courteous and i have never been rushed by anyone's dog. It is important that dogs can have exercise where they are able to follow scents and "be a dog", Waro is perfect for this. Also, if these 2 currently heavily used offleash areas are made onleash, then there is nowhere within a 10-15 minute walk that Hikurangi dogs could be exercised freely. The dog problem in Hikurangi is wandering dogs, not walked dogs. i am sure that the dog wardens are aware of this as I know they watch the Hika page.</p> <p>The other area i would like to comment on is AH Reed Park. I thought this was an off- leash area? I was taken there a few years ago by a friend with dogs (the map thing is showing it as dogs prohibited???) it would be good if it was to remain unleashed, it's a good place to take my visitors who have dogs for a bushwalk. there are many many other areas where dogs are banned from (rightly so), it is great to have one area where we can walk dogs in the bush.</p> <p>I utterly support dogs having access to the central city. if the council wants people out of their cars and walking or cycling, then dogs are going to be part of that mode of transport. Sure, aggressive dogs have no place in heavily trafficked areas, but undercontrol, leashed dogs should be part of the city. I also think small breeds who are socialised and under control should be allowed on buses like they are in France.</p>
DOG-MGT-157	Lynley Fricker	<p>Preferably I want CBD to be dog free. Poop free. Owners are lazy in not picking up after their animals, if they do, they leave the bags lying around like AH REED.</p>

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DOG-MGT-158	Graeme	No dog's off a lead in public places and inforce the clean up your dog crap
DOG-MGT-159	Linda	I support more year round access to dogs on beaches. Those of us who live around Matapouri have no nearby off lead access during the day over Christmas.
DOG-MGT-160	Carol	I would like to see dogs on beaches all year around , when people are around they stay on a leash.ost people bring they fur pets to the beach with them on holiday during the summer, they are family. It's so expensive to leave them at dog kennels . So let them on the beach in summer.
DOG-MGT-161	Liz	This survey doesnt work i could not drop the pin on our maps, the maps didnt have names of places
DOG-MGT-162	Earle Dennis	The present laws in relation to dogs are adequate, what is not working is the money spent on policing the policy in the real world, why make new laws when there is already laws that are not being policed. what needs to be done is a complete audit of how the dog registration money is being spent on dogs. If money is required for other than dogs management, such as cats, livestock etc this should be paid for separately and not through dog registration. There also need to be an emphasize on education of the public rather than punishing the dog due to the owner neglect of responsibility. In Auckland the dog registration is discounted if the owner participated in training session and past an exam. Good owners should be acknowledged through a lowering of there dog registration just like insurance where a discount is offered if you do not have any claims.
DOG-MGT-163	Shahni Judkins	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-164	Anita	I am happy for new locations with dog friendly beaches/ access. I need it for my dog. It is really restricting and limiting to socialize my friendly dog on a regular basis, especially in summer. I like evenings due to the heat but more places in the evenings would be great. Even on leash.
DOG-MGT-165	Sarah Poplar	Whilst respectful of the need to limit areas open to dogs, this is a residential area home to families and communities. There are massive areas restricted to dogs and I agree to making more areas available (to responsible dog owners.)
DOG-MGT-166	Valerie Monk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no point in having bylaws unless you have clear, permanent signs outlining the rules. 2. Likewise, there is no point in having bylaws unless you have regular patrols to enforce them, with penalties applied. 3. Dog foulling is a serious issue. Please do not loosen up the rules re dogs on beaches.

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DOG-MGT-167	Shahni Judkins	It would be great to have some places in town where we can take our big, active dogs for long walks or runs off lead. This allows for us and our dogs to get the exercise we need. The track at Totara Parklands would be perfect for that as it's not near bush and there aren't many people.
DOG-MGT-168	Glen Bailey	As dog owner who takes care of what my dog dose and where he dose it and is great to see the Council taking a stronger line with uncontrolled dogs but all the rules in the world don't make sense if you (the council) let all these uncontrolled and owners do as they please and I see it all the time .
DOG-MGT-169	David P David Palmer	The prohibition of dogs off-leash on sports parks when there are no sports being played is too restrictive as responsible dog owners are able to let their dogs run off-leash and under control that gives their dogs greater freedom to run and sniff at these locations. There is not enough off-leash zones and forcing a concentration of dogs into the small number of off-leash zones will create an excess amount of dogs in these areas which requires greater control by the owners and some owners will avoid these areas due to the concentration of off-leash dogs.
DOG-MGT-170	Johnathan Kapua	All dogs should be on a leash in the CBD area, beaches, reserves particularly bird (kiwi) sanctuaries and walking tracks. We have seen many dogs off their leash up at Parihaka and have brought it to the owner's attention. A consequence of this should be a fine or infringement notice of \$80.00. Followed up by animal management. All owners should pick up their dog poo. This should be compulsory if seen via camera a fine or infringement fee of \$80.00 to be followed up by animal management. City Safe to inform animal control if they see dogs in CBD off their leash. If not complied animal management to follow up. Roaming and dangerous dogs should be dealt with during the day NOT at night as it becomes a health and safety issue. All dogs associated with the pit bull breed should be based on case by case. Not all pit bull dogs are dangerous dogs. As we know it's the owners who should manage and control them. Dog education program should be available for Early Child Education Centres, Kindergarten, Play Centre and Primary School Ages. Teach our young ones how to behave around dogs and warning signs. If this pilot program becomes successful teach and educate to intermediate and college students. We are educating our future generation how to be responsible future dog owners regardless of breeds.
DOG-MGT-171	Jessica	It would be great to see some benefit or incentives for responsible dog owners. Rules are often put in place which affect the majority due to poor behaviour from a minority. More education and training programs.
DOG-MGT-172	Allison Brown	I am very pleased to see the proposed year round area at one tree point. Great idea. I believe the are north of mair road should also be year round off leash
DOG-MGT-173	Carina Pentz	We want Urititi beach open for our dog without time restrictions please. Waipu has no dog park available to let our dogs free for running and playing.

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DOG-MGT-174	Eduan Pentz	<p>Dear WDC</p> <p>Please do not restrict dog off leash times on Uretiti Beach. Working individuals need flexible hours and there is no approved alternative location for dogs to run free. Our dogs are well controlled and supervised whilst on the beach. Kind Regards.</p> <p>Eduan Pentz</p>
DOG-MGT-175	Toni Satherley	<p>Hi, I live in Waipanga Road and the only place I can safely walk my two dogs is the Koropupu Sports Park. I don't have anything remotely close (15 minutes) where I can take them. I have tried walking them on Pipiwai Road and Kamo Road. Pipiwai Road only has a footpath up to the railway line, and Kamo Road is very busy, and often cars go faster than 50kmph, so don't feel safe. I know from my time on Koropupu Sports Park that some dog owners don't clean up after their dogs, I have seen this, and don't have them on a lead. I NEVER take mine off the lead because I can't trust them, they would be off with the first person that offered them a ride! I also always pick up their poo's, because I hate lazy people that don't. I don't go on the park if they are playing or training, but note there are often people that take their dogs with them on a Saturday morning while there are large crowds of people playing soccer. So what I ask is for those responsible owners to be allowed to use Koropupu Sports Park because there is no where else for our dogs to exercise. One other thing I would like to mention is I used to take our dogs to the Dog Park at Pohe Island, but after several frights because of dog owners that don't look after their dogs while they are there, I won't/can't use this facility any more.</p>
DOG-MGT-176	Peter Satherley	<p>Council states that a dog exercise area is within 15 minutes walk, this statement in many cases is false, We live on the north side of Kamo, there are 2 sports fields, within 15 minutes walk and no other area, we keep our 2 terriers on lead at all times, due to their hunting DNA. The soccer area we now use to walk our dogs has vast areas not marked as soccer pitches, yet we as responsible dog owners are not allowed to use these areas, we also do not have footpaths on our road. We do not use the dog off leash areas anymore due to our dogs being attacked, so by council now threatening to police sports areas, we now have nowhere to walk our dogs, this leaves me very disappointed to the point of moving to a more dog friendly part of the country.</p> <p>Council seems to regard dogs as a menace instead of some irresponsible owners, yet expects all owners to pay as irresponsible owners, I can only find the registering my dogs as an appropriate expense to me, the rest of the fee is to fund irresponsible dog owners, and would advocate for a more fair payment system in line with New Zealand's user pays system.</p>
DOG-MGT-177	Katrina Kendall	<p>I would like to give feedback on the proposal to ban dogs completely from Marsden Bay and Waipu.</p> <p>We live in One Tree Point and have a dog who we take to many local points of interest along with our two toddlers.</p> <p>Marsden Bay is very unique in that it is a location where our toddlers can play, and we can exercise the dog at the same time. We see many other families doing the same thing. Most people at Marsden Bay are there exercising dogs, or playing on the playground, or are camping overnight. There are not many people who go there to sunbathe or hang out unless they have a dog or young kids.</p> <p>I understand that on the refinery side of the beach there may be bird nesting areas. If there was a rule keeping dogs away from those areas, that would be fine.</p> <p>Finally, Waipu Cove as a busy beach understandably should have dog restrictions in summer, and leash provisions for the most populated areas. However, outside of where sunbathers and swimmers usually congregate, in front of the reserve and surf club, I don't see a need to ban dogs.</p>

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DOG-MGT-179	Robyn Copeland	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-180	Kirsty Hughes	Dogs should not be allowed in the city centre even if on a leash. There will always be a dog owner who doesn't pick up their dog's poo. Nesting birds at the beach need to be kept safe from off leash dogs. Fines need to be in place for anyone who doesn't abide by the rules. Wandering dogs need neutering. Dogs shouldn't be chained up or without shelter on properties.
DOG-MGT-182	Anna	Please take the lack of care given by current dog owners to abide by the law. We live on Nook Road and are out and about in the Whangarei Heads with children a lot. We are raising them to look after and protect our native environment yet we have to shy away from our local Munro Bay as it seems THE hotspot to have your dogs run loose. We have heard and seen kiwi in our area and it seems ludicrous to have cats and dogs run around. We even witness our neighbours dog mauling Pukeko on a regular basis. Does it know not to touch the kiwi we see on our cameras?
DOG-MGT-183	Lynne Dyer	We live at Urquharts Bay and feel that there isn't enough places to walk your dog only on the road. There is not enough room and can be dangerous. We like to walk long distances not just up and down a beach. We are all for protecting the kiwi. We feel that around Mt Aubrey not over it should be available to walk dogs on leads. We never walk our dog without a lead. There are houses right next to the walk that have dogs and no fences so how do you monitor that they are not tied up all the time. It would be nice to have one place in the heads other than the main road to walk dogs.
DOG-MGT-184	Sue Daumiller	Please no dogs in the city centre. Much as there are wonderful dog owners, the bad ones aren't even keeping their dogs on leads and are on the centre when they're not supposed to be. I'm a senior and I can see it will be terrible for those of us who are older having to navigate dogs. Please no Please
DOG-MGT-186	Janine Delonge	It seems that most of the areas on the maps are coloured in red giving even less area for dogs to be exercised safely. NZ needs to look overseas to places like the UK where dogs are welcomed not only onto beaches and parks but into bars and restaurants. A majority of dog owners are responsible and do not allow their dogs to foul without cleaning up after them or to attack wildlife. As always the majority who are good dog owners are being penalised for the minority who are bad dog owners. I'm not sure why I pay high dog registration fees when I get nothing for them.
DOG-MGT-187	Celia	beach access time over summer should be 10am-5pm not the more restrictive 9am as it currently has in the proposal. Dogs should be allowed to have beach access to cool down over summer just as humans do.
DOG-MGT-188	Miriam Burgess	Dog policy 2024, Reotahi Walkway, map 16. I'd like to see this walkway from Stuart Road to Darch Pt road made an on leash walkway. I understand that it is a dog walk, however, much of the walkway is surrounded by housing where many dogs live already. I can't see the harm in opening the track to dogs on a lead as it would present very little threat to wild life on the track, particularly given that it goes along the coastal edge. Allowing dog walkers to use the track gives them more options as it links to other walk ways in the area, without including the reotahi walkway then

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		the only options are road ways which are less enjoyable and safe for walking along. The track is a community asset, by allowing dog walkers to use the track it encourages more people to maximize the resource.
DOG-MGT-189	E	Uretiti dog ban - We don't agree to this new policy and want our kuri to have a space to be with us at the beach during all hours all year round.
DOG-MGT-191	Kelly Kang	Any dangerous dogs should always leash on specially in public areas like a town Centre under 8.
DOG-MGT-192	Todd Rankin-hirst	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-197	Isabella	I like the idea of dogs on a leash in town and in shopping areas like Okara Park and support this change. This is of course provided dog owners are responsible for their dogs poop. As dogs are already allowed on the loop, this recommendation is just an extension of what seems to be a sensible addition considering most of us think of dogs as part of the family. I also agree with all your other suggestions and think you have researched and covered as many aspects required as possible.
DOG-MGT-198	Shane Knowler	Dog owners are ratepayers and voters, and the vast majority are responsible dog owners. It seems that dog regulations are increasing and becoming more complex. I would like to see WDC aiming to broaden dog access and simplify regulations, while of course protecting people and wildlife.
DOG-MGT-200	Glen McMillan	<p>Greater attention needs to be taken on accessibility for les mobile dog owners. I am a wheelchair user, many grassed areas are off limits for mobility device users in wet weather.</p> <p>Eg the off lead fenced area at Pohe is normally accessible in the dry but a railway sleeper has been put across the entance way I am assuming to prevent dogs digging under the gate wheelchair access is now completely blocked</p> <p>In another area near Marsden Point it blocked by a huge rock placed to keep motorcycles off the walkway. a motorcycle would have no problem getting past the rock while my wheelchair has no show. Effectively a rock designed to stop motorbikes instead stops wheelchairs and mobility scooters, while allowing motorbike access</p> <p>Dog registration pound fees. There is a cost of living crisis going on people are hurting there is also a mental health crisis going on combine the two and add poverty, Imposing fines on people late paying their registration only increases poverty and solves nothing. there needs to be a better way.</p>

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DOG-MGT-201	John McCaughey	<p>I live in Hikurangi and walk my dog around the lake most days, along with dozens of others I see regularly... I see no need for any change, or any money spent. If you build a dog park, I won't use it. Whether it's busy in summer, or empty in winter, most use dog leads when another dog approaches, and most are courteous and polite.</p> <p>I see no benefit in changing anything in hikurangi.</p> <p>Now, what are you going to do about that hideous fence at the lake? Please remove it. It stops NO ONE, is UGLY, and is a constant reminder of the stupidity of those in charge.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
DOG-MGT-202	Michelle	<p>I have a dog and think banning all dogs from beaches in summer is ridiculous. My dog loves swimming in summer and he loves going to the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-204	Alan and Donna Sheddan	<p>The proposed ban on dog walking to the North of Uretiti Beach from Tip Rd is a breach of Civil rights. We strongly object to it.</p> <p>We have been walking our dogs almost daily on the beach for over 25 years along with several other locals. Regular dog walkers always walk to the North from Tip Rd which has been recognized as " dog friendly " for years. In that time, we have never seen a dog attacking or killing any bird life.</p> <p>As a ratepayer we are disappointed to say the least that our Council is wasting ratepayers' money on such an idea. For a huge percentage of the time the beach is almost deserted.</p> <p>I wonder if those proposing this restriction realize how much rubbish dog walkers collect off the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-205	Marcus Coverdale	<p>Kia ora Whangarei Council</p> <p>I am a responsible dog owner, and having had a dog for over six years in Auckland, Kaikohe and Whangarei I feel I have experience in having too few restrictions and too many restrictions in place.</p> <p>I believe that dogs shouldn't be allowed on-leash in the central city we have the Hatea Loop for responsible owners and that allowing dogs in the CBD just creates another dog control problem. I also believe that dogs should be allowed off-leash at more beaches during the summer months and not just between certain times. I also think there should be more off-leash exercise areas, be they beaches or reserves within driving range in the suburban Whangarei area.</p> <p>Having to drive from Te Kamo to Uretiti for a beach run as an example.</p> <p>Barge Park is a great space but again we drive there to find an equestrian event is happening at the time.</p> <p>We go to a sports field and the rugby or soccer or other games are being played there etc.</p> <p>The Dog park in Whangarei is too small for the amount of dog owners that use it and it is prone to dog attacks.</p> <p>Nga mihi nui Marcus Coverdale</p>

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DOG-MGT-206	Brett Stanaway	I believe that dogs should be on a leash in all public areas, I feel this is necessary as there is a documented increase in uncontrolled dog attacks particularly on children. I feel that members of the public have the right to feel safe when out and about in our city. I also believe there should be a length restriction on the extendable dog leashes used by many dog owners. Some of these leashes are that long they can entangle the legs of others and are a real trip hazard particularly for the young or the elderly.
DOG-MGT-207	Rick	No to this bylaw. My dog goes where I go. Anyone that has a problem with that is their own problem. So they should get over themselves and deal with it because I don't care. Especially under a national lead government.... every man for himself
DOG-MGT-208	Sam Givney	I believe dogs should be allowed on the beach all the way to the low water line and foreshore area on the beaches around one tree point, Marsden point and Bream Bay. Many local dogs are a key part of kiwi families and enjoy the beach for walks, exercise and fun. Banning dogs on local beaches is unnecessary and a limitation of one of the liberties that make Northland a great place to live and visit.
DOG-MGT-209	Wendy Thomas	I don't see any reason for it not to be off-leash area around from Northport to Mair Road. I walk this many times and hardly ever see another person, I don't believe the area has any breeding birds or any significant foreshore protection requirements.
DOG-MGT-210	Dianne Simpson	<p>I am giving feedback about your proposed dog access policy to beaches. We live at Marsden Cove marina - 100 metres from Marsden Playground, beach and boat access to the marina. We bought this property for its family features and taking a dog to the beach for a quick run, swim is part of this.</p> <p>Although we are not dog owners ourselves, dogs are part of our community and should be able to have fun times with their responsible family at the beach. To ban complete access to the whole beach, especially by the playground area, is not community minded. We have always respected the bird sanctuary down the far end and happy for this to remain.</p> <p>However, we all need to co-habit together - therefore, I propose dogs to be allowed off-leash, from the drain North. Dogs enjoy running on the beach when the tide is out and swimming when the tide is in. We are long-term residents in the area and have never seen problematic dogs running free in this area. Given the number of rats seen down Blacksmith Creek, this would be more threatening to birds than a dog running 300 metres away from the area.</p> <p>The Godwits are not nesting in the area and will fly away when people are walking on the beach. Most dogs are more interested in chasing a stick or ball. Every second household in Finch Street/Fred Carr Drive has a dog and these should be able to be walked locally and enjoy some of the beach.</p>
DOG-MGT-211	Janinka Greenwood	<p>I have read the Council's proposed changes to the Dog Policy and Bylaw and make the following submission.</p> <p>I. It is good that the Council seriously considers the needs of dogs and dog owners as well as other members of the community who might be affected by dogs.</p> <p>II. It is also good that Council has already built a dog park (as well as a smaller enclosure across the road). I think the existing park needs to be seen as seminal. It is simply far too small. It becomes uncomfortable (even unsafe) if there are a large number of dogs in it when they can behave like a pack, or if there is a dog there who is a little aggressive. There are a lot of dogs in Whangarei and</p>

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		<p>there is simply no way it could accommodate them.</p> <p>Dog Parks are very useful, but a city like Whangarei needs more of them and bigger and more interesting ones. An ideal example is in Groynes in Christchurch. It is part of a bigger multi-use recreational park, The dog park is in several connected fenced sections: a picnic area where families can picnic with their dogs running freely, an agility area, an area that runs down to the river where dogs can swim in hot weather, a long, long run between the river and the road where lots of dogs an exercise and meet without being on top of each other. The Groynes is fantastic for both dogs and families, but Christchurch also has a number of other great expansive and interesting fenced dog parks, such as those at Mt Victoria, Parkham Reserve, Styx Mill and Rawhiti, any of which could serve as a model for our city. All up, there are over a dozen good formal dog parks as well as other parks where dogs can run freely under owner control.</p> <p>III. The existing dog park could be considerably extended by enclosing the big adjacent area that leads down to the river. That area is not used for other purposes. The walking and cycling path can we easily retained and perhaps fenced. A great recreational area could be developed there that could compare to that at the Groynes.</p> <p>IV. A similar dedicated area could be developed in Mair Park. The river side at the back of the Tikipunga sports grounds would also make an ideal dog park.</p> <p>V. There are other areas that could be usefully explored in each of the outlying areas that are gradually becoming more an and more suburban, like Whangarei Heads, Maunu and Tikipunga/Glenbervie.</p> <p>VI. As well as developing new really serviceable fenced dog parks, it is important for us to retain the areas where dogs now walk with their owners, off lead but under control. Dogs have different paces and styles of movement from that of their owners and both human and dog interests are best met when they can walk together without tight constraint and without tangled leads.</p> <p>VII. As an senior dog owner I rely on my dog for companionship and nighttime security. She allows me to live in my own home. She prevents me from loneliness and depression. She ensures I get exercise. She gives me love and loyalty. There are many, many others like me in Whangarei. Theare also many, many families where dogs give friendship to children and build their confidence. Our Whangarei dogs serve us faithfully. We owe it to them to also make sure they can stay healthy, physically and in spirit. Iwouls like to offer furthe oral submission.</p> <p>P.S. from Bonnie</p> <p>I was born on a farm and now I live in the city. I have a job that I take very seriously: to look after Janinka. I make sure she gets up in the morning, cooks meals, feeds our hens and gets regular exercise walking. I cheer her up. I guard the house: I warmly welcome the visitors she likes, but if someone wanders up our drive at night they always turn around and walk away when I do my no-nonsense bark.</p> <p>My best times are when we go for walks. I don't mind being on a lead sometimes because it means we are connected and I can make sure she takes a bit of exercise. The thing is that while she can do some things I can't, like drive our car, she has a curious weakness in her sense of smell, and in her hearing. Also she's only got two legs and they don't move very fast. We do best when we can each go at our own pace. I check out all the wonderful smells on the route and get a chance to stretch out my legs, running ahead and around and back but always keeping my ears open for her to make sure she hasn't fallen over or got lost. She wanders along more slowly. It works for both of us. I don't need a lead to stay connected, but I know she's got it with her, and if we meet little children or a dog that's nervous or angry I run back to her and she connects us till we've gone past. I've noticed that some of the more angry dogs are those that are always on leads: maybe they are just going a little bit crazy. I can smell when people or dogs don't like me and I prefer to keep away: she seems to have found some other ways of figuring it out.</p>

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		I want to stress how important it is for us dogs to be able to run. We're built that way - with four legs that just need to move. We need lots of running to stay healthy. And we need to stay healthy in order to do our jobs properly. We look after our people. It's our work and we take it seriously. I'm asking the Council to look after us.
DOG-MGT-212	Tom Furlong	I think your proposal for the Whananki area beaches is a good proposal. I live on one of the beaches (Tawhara Bay) and visit many of the local beaches. I think your proposal for these beaches is practical and will achieve the objectives of accommodating dogs, people and the natural environment. Thank you for considering the opinions of the public!
DOG-MGT-213	Robin Robertson	The new proposals are sound. However, there needs to be a more targeted approach and instant repercussions to any infringements and/or responses to complaints of dogs being off leash in suburban areas e.g roaming the footpaths and being on roads off leash etc. We have made complaints in the past and even though the response was fairly prompt, the repercussions for the owner were ineffectual and the nuisance continues.
DOG-MGT-181	Catherine Savill	The dog should be allowed to go to most places on a leash because they are part of a family but the problem is with people not picking up the poo. Educate people on how to pick up poo.
DOG-MGT-214	Erin Degraaf	I feel the registration fees, should be dropped more for responsible owners, times are tough enough, should get discount for two dogs, there are enough places you can walk dogs, I am sick of dogs roaming our street, nothing being done, I come home from work and dogs come at me at my own gate, ring the council, but still nothing has been done. Sort out roaming dogs before raising fees, responsible owners shouldn't have to pay for people that don't pay registrations. Stop wasting money, with sorting out dog parks, places people can go, we have enough places to walk dogs.
DOG-MGT-215	Anthony (Tony) Minett	I have a problem with dogs on the beach. Most dogs are fine but look at the statistics, how many dog attacks are there each year? Unfortunately there are a lot of attacks, particularly involving large dogs which have the ability to kill. The thought of these dogs wandering free fills me with horror. A leash is fine, but even that is no real protection from attack. I have had two threatening experiences in the last 18 months, both were from large dogs in a bush reserve (a kiwi area), one was not on a leash. I often see dogs and owners at the local beach at Dolphin Bay, mostly they are on a leash but often not. The small dogs are usually fine as they are easier to control, but the bigger breeds are aggressive and hard to control even on a leash. I do not trust dog owners to control their dogs nor do I believe they will abide by the rules. My neighbour has two dogs. He should have none as the section has a ban on dogs on the property. I occasionally have to pick up dog dung from my property as it is on the path of quite a few dog walkers, these same ones will be the ones whose dogs will be unleashed on the beach. A beach is a place for all and the way we behave with or without animals should be recognised that it must be a safe place for everyone. Dogs roaming free is not safe.
DOG-MGT-216	Samantha Gay Cassidy	I did not read through it all, but through experience I have had with 3 false allegations about my dog biting another Neighbour down the road and her little dog. Three times I had to be investigated where the outcome initially, was that my tiny Tshitzu/Jack Russel was labeled a "Dangerous Dog". Through these two years I was stalked by this neighbor who would hover around my property with her dog, and still does till this day (there is now a trespass order on her). Because I did not accept these outcomes as these allegations were lies, luckily after 5 outcomes, these charges were dropped, and decided that it was personal issues between two neighbors. For

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		<p>this reason, I would like these investigations to be thoroughly investigated and not taken by word of someone who falsely accuses people. This experience for two years had traumatized my whanau and myself, and the neighbourhood have had experiences with this person ringing Animal Control. Through my experience, the investigation initially was done badly, I was willing for my case to appear at the court for the fact it was a lie and not been investigated properly. The officer did say that the panel/board will only take not of the person who has made the complaint, and it was also noted by staff that this person had made many complaints in Whangarei. For false allegations, the person laying that complaint should be charged the fee the complaintee was expected to pay. I would also like something implemented for the neglect and putting animals in harms way. As I was being stalked daily by this person who came to my house, she had said to Animal Control that my dog was dangerous. I did not understand how the poor dog was not uplifted from her care as she said her dog had been attacked many times by other dogs, including mine yet she will put her dog in harms way by purposely seeking other dogs that she said were dangerous. Because I know this lady is a regular visitor to Animal Control and was told she makes the most complaints in Whangarei I do believe something needs to be implemented for those falsely accusing to be charged for an investigation of time wasted.</p>
DOG-MGT-217	Angus McCulloch	<p>I fully support the measures being proposed to ensure everybody (non dog owners and dog owners) gets to enjoy public spaces. I think that protection for birds needs to be included in the light of rapidly increasing usage of our beaches by dog owners. I suggest that a dog chasing shore/sea birds is a dog not under effective and continuous control and that the owner is committing an offense.</p>
DOG-MGT-218	Stephen Brown	<p>Map 29 shows the entire foreshore at Whananaki South as being a 'prohibited' area for dogs. There needs to be some greater effort at enforcement of the dog prohibition there as no-one seems to take any notice of the rule. This is a major concern for the shorebirds that SHOULD be living and using the spit for nesting, feeding, roosting etc. But I often see people walking their dogs off-leash there with dogs running all over the dunes. SO the shorebirds don't stand a chance, and now very few shorebird species are able to be present there. There needs to be greater education and enforcement effort to stop people from allowing their dogs to roam on the Whananaki sandspit.</p>
DOG-MGT-220	Michelle Thompson	<p>I feel I can't take my dog's anywhere at the moment. Which is unfair especially during the hot summer days. I believe if they are controlled there is no issue. They too should be able to cool off and get some exercise and enjoy the beach also. There are some crazy bird watchers acting like they own the beaches treating people like scum and acting like bullies when you are nowhere near the birds.</p> <p>My other gripe is about dangerous dog breeds . It's not the dog or the breed it's the owner. If it's such a big issue perhaps evaluate whether the owner is capable and responsible. Unfair to pay more just because of breed.</p>
DOG-MGT-221	Elly Givney	<p>I understand the importance of creating rules for dog owners and dogs to ensure the safety of everyone around them throughout the year.</p> <p>However I disagree with alot of the dog prohibited areas and would like to express my opposing views. The main areas of my concern are the One Tree Point , Ruakaka and Uretiti areas.</p> <p>I understand that at some times and areas of the beach their are migrant birds. But a lot of the time in the year they are not there.</p>

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		<p>One Tree Point beaches are not overallly populated. I was living there for 7 years and most of the time I walked on the beaches there was no one there. I believe these beaches should be dog friendly as the surrounding neighborhoods have dogs they would like to be able to walk and exercise with.</p> <p>I understand having them on leash is a way to control them. Making these areas prohibited dog zones makes it harder for owners to be able to get out and enjoy the lovely beaches and surrounds.</p> <p>It would be appreciated if these areas would allow dogs.</p>
DOG-MGT-222	Kathleen Jensen	Hi I'm a responsible dog owner and would appreciate more places with dog on leads and also dog parks that are better managed as in Christchurch as an example very dog friendly. I have never taken my dog to the Whangarei dog park as irresponsible owners are there, dog fights and so on so not safe at all. So in closing more freedom and more policing on bad owners actually as we as good owners get penalized because of the few.
DOG-MGT-223	Vanessa Ellis	I feel the Whangarei district Council has been anti dogs for too long. It is time to support and make available resources for dog owners such as off leash walking areas including beaches. Dog poop bag stations in central locations like the loop walk. Start supporting community groups such as the Whangārei Dog Training Club where people take the time to volunteer teach and support dog owners to have well trained obedient dogs that are not a danger to society. Be more willing to go to the areas of town where you know dogs roam and are unregistered and at times violent and deal with them. Don't punish the rest of us who love teach and have well behaved dogs by making it more difficult to give our dogs a healthy balanced life enjoying our surroundings. Give a discount on dog registrations to owners who attend and belong to Dogs NZ or whangarei dog training club reward them for taking the time to make sure their dog is safe in and around the community . Lastly I am extremely disappointed that the Whangarei Dog training Club has been kicked off council land at Otaika. This is a club serving our community. So so wrong, this just shows exactly your lack of care for dogs and dog owners in our community. Thanks for listening Vanessa Ellis
DOG-MGT-224	Mary Britton	Wdc needs to consider creating additional dog parks outside the city area. This omission highlights the discrepancy between services provided to city ratepayers and to country and coastal ratepayers.
DOG-MGT-225	John Duggan	I request that the proposed dog restrictions on Ruakaka Beach North be modified to allow dogs South of Ruakanohi St. Outside the short summer season the majority of users on the beach are dog owners and the proposed restrictions make walking dogs on the Beach impossible for residents south of Ruakanohi St.
DOG-MGT-226	Penelope Ashby	I am an older person with a mobility and can only be mobile out in my community with the aid of a mobility scooter, or crutches or walking sticks. That makes me extremely vulnerable to my surroundings. That is my everyday reality. I do not have a choice in my reality. My everyday reality means that I am vulnerable to uneven pavements and people bumping into me. When I am on my mobility scooter, I am only waist-height to most people around me. That makes me also very close to the top of a dog's head. Your


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		<p>proposed law change to allow dogs (albeit on leads) in and around the city centre will therefore make people like me, and children, even more susceptible to unpleasant interactions with dogs. I therefore strongly suggest your bylaw should include 'must be muzzled'. Because dog owners are 'furious' that the Council might think of restricting dogs on beaches, I also strongly suggest that those people be enlisted to help Council set up Beach Dog Parks, which is widely done all over Australia, very successfully too. It all comes back to personal responsibility really, doesn't it - you decide to get a dog, you accept the rules. Protecting society's most vulnerable should be the basic premise for all laws/bylaws. Thank you for the opportunity to have my say.</p>
DOG-MGT-227	Toni Richardson	<p>Hi there I am the owner of two dogs and I regularly take them to Uretiti beach (access via tip Road) for their daily walks along the shoreline along with many other dog owners in the area. Currently the access is via Tip road and the area works for all users of the beach - there is plenty of space for humans, dogs and their owners and vehicles to use this shared space respectfully while also being respectful towards the natural environment and local species. You can very easily access the beach and walk along the beach with your dog without any need to go near the dunes. I respectfully ask that access to this beach IS NOT CHANGED. I have been visiting this beach for 5 years with my dogs on a regular basis and have only ever seen owners with dogs well under control and owners that respect the rights of others.</p> <p>In my experience over the summer period the area is not overly populated by humans like surrounding beaches such as Waipu Cove or Ruakaka and there is still plenty of space for all walks of life to enjoy and respect this area. The likelihood is that most dog owners will hiko their dogs before 10.30am and after 4pm during the summer months because the sand is too hot for them.</p> <p>Piroa Conservation Trust are putting together a KNOW YOUR DOG WORKSHOP in Waipu this weekend to educate dog owners about the local species we need to protect. I think if you are worried about protecting the area and the local species this should be a regular workshop run by Piroa Conservation Trust that is funded by council FOR ALL LOCALS AND VISITORS.</p> <p>Please also know that in Waipu alone we have many retirees with dogs as companions that rely on Uretiti as a safe space to hiko their dogs and enjoy a bit of exercise. There is also a well established dog owners group that you can call upon for discussion around this subject and who are open to a Korero. I implore you to talk to those that use that area regularly and come up with a plan that works for all - humans, their pets and the natural environment of the area. To many times, council make decisions without consulting those that actually live in the area and who will have positive and meaningful input. Lets not punish everyone for the mistakes made by the few uneducated - lets empower and educate everyone. Thank you.</p>
DOG-MGT-228	Viv Goldsmith	<p>I would like to see "Doggy Doo" bins available at Ruakaka Beach & Ruakaka Reserve - these are provided as standard at virtually every dog park I've visited around the country & encourage proper disposal of faeces. I live at Ruakaka and don't have a dog at the moment but have in the past for many years (& will again), even bringing faeces back to my house to dispose of, I find quite disgusting, no wonder people who travel out to the beach leave there "doggy doo" under the "pick up faeces" signs in protest or just don't bother to pick it up. Surely we pay enough in rates out there to provide this service.</p> <p>An agility area as in Whangarei would also be a great improvement to the Ruakaka reserve - with Doggy doo bin of course.</p>
DOG-MGT-150	Gaylene Thompson	<p>I feel very uneasy about your definition of what constitutes a 'dangerous' breed. I own a 10yo Staffordshire Bull Terrier who is an absolute treasure both with people and other dogs - I would hate to think you would designate her as 'dangerous'. I have serious concerns about the terms used: 'Owners who do not comply with the above are in breach of the Bylaw and may be subject</p>

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		<p>to enforcement action' when one of the terms was that there could be temporary alterations to the bylaw at Council's discretion. I sincerely hope that that ability to change with no prior warning will not be misused.</p> <p>I want to see an upgrade to the dog park facilities, particularly around the water/bath provided as the whole area turns to mush when there has been rain and/or when many dogs are using the area. Also would like to see an upgrade to the condition of the road in that is much better than it was but which needs regular maintenance. Also the dog park is a wonderful facility but the paths inside it need to be properly concreted to assist walking within the park itself for those of us who are a little older. Also I would like to see a number of new activities for the dogs provided - more challenging perhaps - that actual dog ability competitions might be encouraged there. Also, I would like to see a couple of rubbish bins and litterbag dispensers installed at the Waro Lake area as this is well-used as a dog exercise area along with an upgrade of the road into the Lake.</p>
DOG-MGT-229	Lloyd and Colleen Morris	<p>We are permanent residents and dog owners and reside in Ngunguru. Our home is on the main road, just across the roadway from the estuary foreshore. During the Summer months and more particularly on holiday long weekends, we notice the influx of visitors, many of whom bring their dogs with them. A lot of these dogs are walked on the estuary esplanade and local roadways, often off a leash and sometimes uncontrolled. After the visitors have returned home, the proliferation of dog faeces is obvious and obnoxious. We are opposed to the Council's relaxing of the current Dog Regulations in this local area to allow dogs to go off leash. The estuary shoreline is extensively used for swimming, boating and family picnics on the grass bank. It is bad enough now with controls in place but to allow dogs to have free rein in this area will only compound the situation. Whenever the proposed Ngunguru seawall is constructed, the banks of the estuary between the river and the road will be an attractive picnic area. To have dogs running freely and defecating at will in this area, amongst swimmers, boaters, beachgoers and picnickers, together with road danger and harm to the many sea birds present, is beyond imagination.</p> <p>We earnestly request Council not to allow dogs free roaming (that is off leash) in this locality of the Estuary foreshore as shown in Map 17 of your proposal;.</p>
DOG-MGT-230	Dan Welch	<p>Please do not block access for year round dog walking at Tip Rd, Uretiti. Waipu Cove and Langs Beach are already dog unfriendly in summer months. Closing Tip Rd would force residents to drive even further just to walk our dogs. The Waipu area has enough dog free space both north and south of the river mouth. Tip.road is used more by dog walkers than any other group. Thank you.</p>
DOG-MGT-152	Colleen Small	<p>Recently council also asked for ideas of where to have dog parks. Nothing has come out of that. I was on the original dog park committee when it was set up. We asked for more dog parks then which was over 13 years ago. Council was looking into a second and third park at the time but it never eventuated, At the time there were 10,000 dogs registered now I understand there is around 13,000 dogs plus.</p> <p>My suggestions were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the fields at the top of cartwright road that back onto the Onerahi hockey field off alamein ave. These are leased to the Parahaki pony club. BUT all the years I have been walking up there I have only seen one or two horses grazing there or none at all. Yes they have pony club day once in blue moon. Why couldn't at least one of these paddocks be a dog park. There is plenty of parking on cartwright road or in the Onerahi sportsfields car park by the bowling club. It is regularly mowed, but such a waste of good space.

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		<p>2. the small mound (hill) on Pohe Island right by the carpark. It fronts onto the marist/oldboys rugby field. Parking is not an issue due to the carpark besides it. It is a good big space to exercise dogs. Even big enough to make a small dog park attached to it. I would also like to point out that council pay for a person to educate people on cats and sets traps , desexes them and returns them to the community where they were found. Surely money from the dog registration could be put aside to pay once a week for free lessons from a dog trainer down at the dog park. Dogs need exercise OFF A LEASH this is half the problem why dogs are barking all day - they are bored - big dogs especially need to be free from a leash in a fenced off area to exercise properly. You would not get as many call outs to lonely dogs if there was an alternative way - perhaps council dog registration fee could go towards dogs being taken for outings on the doggy bus that is advertised by local people. These two buses take 60 dogs to a farm that the bus owners lease just for this cause. Please put this in my proposals for improvements for dogs. Also council have been taking away rubbish bins but if more bins with attached doggy bags and drink fountain were at parks or on walks where people exercise and walk their dogs I am sure there wouldn't be the volume of dog poo left behind. I used to speak to travellers who stopped at the dog park on their way through to a beach. One comment they often referred to was lack of bins of dispose of dog droppings. They did not like to take bags of dog droppings in their campervans especially with the hot weather and food on board. I imagine this is the same with a lot of people who may or may not pick up behind their dog but if there is no bin nearby they dont want it in their car so leave it behind. Its a fact. (same with disposable nappies left everywhere - no bins) i also feel people who do not exercise their dogs and leave them on a long line or chain all day should be fined. It would only take 2 to three neighbours to report it as proof surely.</p> <p>3. Pah road reserve.</p>
DOG-MGT-178	Lisa Whitehouse	<p>Leave things as they are. I am a responsible dog owner, don't punish us with more rules and regulations. Spend your time & money on those who are not responsible, those who don't look after their dogs, those who don't register their dogs, those who keep breeding for money. The only people your increased regulations will affect are the responsible dog owners. As always the good get punished because of the bad.</p> <p>I walk my dogs on a lead and at appropriate & permitted times. Don't take our much loved and enjoyable walks away on the beach and other places we enjoy.</p>
DOG-MGT-231	Beverly	<p>I would like to all dogs to be on leashes in any public area. Dog parks should be available in more areas Dogs could be unleashed in these dog parks. A lot of people, children are afraid of dogs. For example a beach like Urquharts Bay is too small from sea to houses. It is very hard to move away from an unleashed dog that is in your space. People do not want to be sitting on any beach and having an unleashed dog coming up to them (and their children) when their owners do not have the recall of the dog. Should be compulsory to fence dogs on properties and to pick up their faeces when being walked. p.s. I do like dogs</p>

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DOG-MGT-232	Marilyn Berry (Urquharts Bay Assn Inc)	<p>RE: Proposal to make Urquharts Bay a year-round off-leash beach for dogs (ie dogs allowed on the beach all day every day including over summer)</p> <p>Our association has discussed this proposal and by far the majority of members are opposed for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urquharts Bay is immediately adjacent to Bream Head Reserve which has a significant kiwi population - off-leash dogs could easily escape into the reserve. 2. Urquharts Bay Road is narrow (one-way in parts) with no footpath and very little road reserve area. The road is VERY busy over summer as the main access to Bream Head Reserve and the Smugglers Bay loop track, it has two very busy boat ramps (and consequent trailer parking as it is the closest launch point to open ocean). As well as the doubling of the resident population over summer as the baches fill up, it is also very popular for day trips for safe swimming, paddle-boarding, fishing off the rocks (Home Point and the wharf). The car park is often full by 6am and every possible roadside space is taken by parked cars on busy days. 3. At high tide there is practically no beach and with very limited road reserve (often covered in parked cars) there is nowhere to take dogs except on the road - people coming from other areas (eg from town) are going to be annoyed and may sneak onto other beaches such as Woolshed Bay - already local residents have to challenge visitors taking the dogs into the Reserve despite warning signs. 4. Urquharts Bay beach has a lot of resident wildlife including penguins which nest close to the shore as well as the quite tame oystercatchers, herons, gulls, gannets, shags etc. There are already about 25 dogs living in the bay, but residents are conscious and careful of the birds - day visitors are much less likely to be aware or careful. 5. Even at low tide there is only a small area of "proper" sand where kids can play/make sandcastles etc. -again these areas are very popular and busy and not suitable for off-leash stranger dogs (who would come here expecting to be able to run free) 6. Outside of the above sandy areas, the beach has large areas of sharp oysters on small rocks which are dangerous for dogs feet - and at low tide the seagrass fields are exposed - as a vital marine nursery these areas are best not disturbed. 7. There are no rubbish bins in the bay - locals are conscientious about picking up dog poo but visitors will be much less inclined to do so if they have to take it home with them.
DOG-MGT-234	Dave & Amanda Tate	<p>We were amazed to read an article in the Northern Advocate regarding changes to the proposed off-leash dog exercise areas at Whangarei Heads, specifically Urquharts Bay being suggested as a suitable area. We wonder if the persons suggesting this have any idea of the topography / terrain of our bay. In the summer, there is heavy congestion in the bay and by 8.30am there is unlikely to be any parking for potential dog exercisers. If the tide is in, there is very little green space for dogs and if the tide is out, the shoreline is overall rocky with oyster shells not being the best surface for a dog to walk on. That information aside, the most compelling reason NOT to have Urquharts Bay as an off-leash dog exercise area is the fact we have a DOC/Bream Head Conservation Trust managed</p>

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		<p>reserve at the end of the carpark. We have been fortunate to have successfully released kiwi into the reserve and of course dogs are strictly prohibited. Oystercatchers are a threatened species which breeds and raises their young along our shoreline. In the likely event that a dog defecates on the shoreline, there are of course no rubbish bins and it is probably fair to say that some dog owners will not pick up after their animal leaving us with a mess. There are some twenty five dogs already resident in the bay and fortunately the majority of their owners take their responsibilities in terms of exercising their pets daily and picking up after then seriously as this is where they live. There really is no room for people outside the area to join this already busy group in what is a relatively small area.</p>
DOG-MGT-235	Michael Berry	<p>Re: Dog Access Areas Maps 6 & 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I am opposed to any restrictions (in particular, summer hours) on the dog off leash area north of Tip Road. Furthermore, referring to plans 6 & 7 you have shown an unrestricted area north of the DOC camping ground but illogically and inexplicably, also show summer restricted areas at each end of the unrestricted area making it impossible for dog owners to access this area unless they drive along the beach to get there. * I've read and heard reasons for the summer restriction purporting to be for child safety and keeping dog faeces off the beach. Both totally flawed reasons. * Being a dog owner who has walked my dog (and still do) everyday on that beach for the past 8 years have never seen dog faeces on the beach itself. However, I have and do frequently see horse faeces on the beach, human faeces alongside some of the access paths, human rubbish on the beach and rotting fish heads and skeletons on the beach. * As for child safety, vehicles on the beach are cause for much more concern than dogs. Most drivers do not observe the 30 km/hr speed limit and some drive in an outright dangerous manner particular the joy riders on motor bikes and hobby four wheel drivers. * Your policy states it aims to have an off leash dog area in most places in the District that are no more than a 10 - 15 min walk from peoples homes. Most of the hundreds of dog owners in this large rural area have to drive 10 - 15 mins to get to Tip Rd. Restricting hours on this Beach area yet having an unrestricted area (that is somehow accessed from Ruakaka) will simply force a whole lot of people to drive further at greater expense and add to the summer traffic on the roads - it's senseless. <p>*** Uretiti Beach north of Tip Rd should remain as it is now - a 24 hours a day, 7 day a week off leash area for dogs. ***</p>

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DOG-MGT-237	Kevin Newton	I am vehemently opposed to the idea of dogs being in the city centre, even if on a leash, with the exception of working and service animals. Even on a leash a dog is capable of biting another person unless muzzled. Small children could be badly hurt, and others could suffer bites or other injuries. School children use the city centre every day to get to and from schools in the area. There is already an issue with dogs not being restrained in this city, and allowing them in the central area would exacerbate the problem. I, for one, will not go into the city centre if dogs are allowed in there. I will do my business online or go somewhere else to get what I want.
DOG-MGT-238	Sarah Snowden	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-242	Andrew Baker	<p>I strongly disagree with this proposal.</p> <p>It is overly restrictive and much of decisions of dog access have been made based upon beliefs rather than facts on the impact of dogs.</p> <p>It has been written by someone who clearly hates dogs and there has been no one in the development process with the ability or willingness to check and balance this utterly crazy and over the top proposal.</p> <p>I hope someone with common sense will take the leadership to change this proposal to a sensible one.</p>
DOG-MGT-243	Diana Manning	there needs to be more done on nuisance dogs in the community. I live next to 2 properties with 1 dog each. They both bark a lot and are not exercised. one barks in the middle of the night and is very loud (rottweiler). also in Northland we have the rarest bird in new zealand, the Fairy Tern which nests on beaches where dogs are getting access. Dogs should be prohibited in these areas as well as other ecologically sensitive areas.
DOG-MGT-244	Geoff Pike (Bream Head Conservation Trust)	<p>On behalf of the Bream Head/ Te Whara Conservation Trust, we ask that the change proposed to make Urquhart Bay available for dog exercising throughout the year on the same conditions as is currently available at Ocean Beach should be treated as a 12 month trial and evaluate it after that period for its amenity value and for any unforeseen out comes.</p> <p>Also we ask that a practical mechanism for compliance is put in place. We are mainly concerned with dogs venturing into the Bream Head Scenic Reserve and the community not knowing who to contact for compliance.</p>
DOG-MGT-246	Conor Pullman	<p>We have constant issues at Sandy Bay with dogs being brought to the beach by visiting surfers and letting them run free on beach while they go for a surf.</p> <p>These dogs often chase protected birds and hassle other beach goers. My wife has on several occasions had incidents where off leash and uncontrolled dogs have aggressively approached her while walking our dog on leash which has resulted in the dogs fighting.</p>

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		We ask that dogs be either required to be on-leash or some meaningful education/enforcement is provided in terms of visitors to Sandy Bay bringing their dogs and allowing them to roam off leash and uncontrolled/unsupervised.
DOG-MGT-247	Melissa Arseneault	<p>I would like to comment on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Almost everyone in the Whangarei urban area will live within a 10-15 minute walk of an off-leash area.” <p>This policy does not make any sense. Why is Council setting such a high priority for off-leash areas? Does Council have the same requirement for children play areas, sports grounds, etc? Surely off-leash areas should be selected based on being in the most appropriate area and not within a time frame of 10 – 15 minute walk from someone’s home. There are a number of areas within the Whangarei District where having dogs off leash is not appropriate and/or problematic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. “More clearly protected vulnerable wetlands in the District at Kioreroa Road, Barge Showgrounds and Marsen Point” <p>This policy statement is very important but should either list, include a map and or reference of ALL wetlands not just the three listed above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. “Retention and clarification of prohibitions across the district to protect birdlife, in particular Kiwi” <p>This policy statement is very important but should either list and or include reference to all declining, threatened or critically endangered birds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. List of Dogs are allowed under control off a leash (3.1 page 26) <p>Bream Head Urquharts Bay foreshore from beginning to end of Urquhart Bay Road (Smugglers Bay carpark) This area has limited space for dogs to be off leash especially at high tide. It is also an area that is very popular and busy throughout the year, especially in spring through to autumn. It is well used by fishermen, boaties and yachties to launch their boats and dinghies, it is well used by families with small children (as it is easily accessible by the road and safe for young children), paddle boarders and swimmers. This area is also used by a growing number of walkers, locals as well as visitors and those doing the Te Araroa trail. There are significant issues and restraints with limited parking in this area to accommodate the current demand of users. Is Council planning to increase parking in this area to accommodate more users? This small narrow foreshore is home to nesting oyster catchers and a range of other birds including the white-faced heron. There are local residents who regularly walk their dogs in this area some off leash but this involves a very small number of dogs. To list and promote this area as an off-leash area most likely will result in a significant increase in dogs in this area. If it is listed how will enforcement and controls be managed in this area?</p> <p>With Whangarei’s growing population dog ownership and issues will continue to grow. Having good, sensible policies and bylaws are important. Equally important is enforcement of these policies and bylaws. How will these be improved? In the Whangarei Heads area there are regular posts on social media and personal sightings of wondering dogs, dogs on and off leash in prohibited areas, and</p>

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		<p>increasing issues with some owners not removing dog's faeces. More resources and enforcement is required and I would encourage Council to liaise with local resident and ratepayer's associations and community organisations on how this can be improved.</p>
DOG-MGT-248	James Bellamy (Whangarei Head Landcare Forum)	<p>Background WHLF has been active in the Whangarei Heads environment since 2001. It was formed as a platform to help the many local landcare groups carry out the weed and pest control and other projects throughout the Whangarei Heads peninsula. We help facilitate the sharing of ideas, pooling of resources, and provide assistance with financial management, where we act as a legal entity for many groups. This allows for more 'action on the ground' achieving results, rather than time sitting indoors balancing the books.</p> <p>Current landcare groups active in the WHLF include Campbell Rd, Taurikura Ridge, Lamb Rd, Ocean Beach, Manaia Ridge, Urquharts Bay, Reotahi, Papakarahai Landcare Groups, and Backyard Kiwi.</p> <p>Key to many projects is supporting the community driven kiwi recovery at the Heads. While we are confident that we have the effective predator control required for this – good dog control is also critical. Any wandering dog at the Whangarei Heads is a risk to our kiwi. While our community is very good at keeping their dogs under control and exercising their dogs on a lead, the Whangarei District Council also has a crucial part to play in encouraging and enforcing effective control of dogs.</p> <p>We do not support Kiwi Avoidance Training – there are too many examples where avoidance trained dogs have killed kiwi, and the science does not support the use of avoidance training on pet dogs.</p> <p>We also note that dog control is not only important to kiwi recovery – many other threatened bird species live at Whangarei Heads and are put at risk by wandering dogs. These include matuku – bittern, pateke and korora and many of the shore birds.</p> <p>Accordingly, we thank the WDC for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Dog Management Policy and Bylaws, and make particular comment on the following sections:</p> <p>6.1.(c) Provide registration administration services including— informing and educating dog owners through the registration process.</p> <p>In the past inclusion of pamphlets etc with information sent out to dog owners at registration has contributed to ensuring that all dog owners are aware of what they can do to save kiwi. This applies both to dogs that live in kiwi areas, and those that visit them.</p> <p>We strongly support doing this again.</p> <p>6.2. (d) Provide dog compliance and enforcement activities to proactively use Council's powers under the Act to— provide services that promote responsible dog management, including but not limited to investigating and resolving dog-related issues.</p>

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		<p>We appreciate the support of Council dog enforcement officers when a wandering dog is reported at the Whangarei Heads.</p> <p>We would like to work with Council to promote the provision of a “wildlife safe” dog exercise area at Whangarei Heads where dog owners can be sure that their dog can be off-lead without risking kiwi, bittern and other native bird species.</p> <p>14. Dog access rules - Schedule 1 and 2</p> <p>We support the requirements proposed for dogs to be on a leash in all Council controlled public places. We also support the requirements for dogs on beach and foreshore areas as detailed.</p> <p>We also support the proposed status of dogs in Council controlled public places, including prohibition of them on Kauri Mountain Reserve, Kauri Mountain Trail, Matakoho/Limestone Island, McLeod Bay Reserve (opposite Fire Station), and Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our submission</p>
DOG-MGT-239	Emma Craig (Save the Kiwi)	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed changes to the Whangarei District Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw. I have undertaken a review of these draft documents in my capacity as Dog Specialist for Save the Kiwi, to see how they may impact kiwi protection measures. My role with Save the Kiwi is to reduce the risk that dogs can pose to kiwi nationally, with a particular focus on Northland. Save the Kiwi works alongside whānau, hapū, iwi, conservation groups, communities, organisations, and the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai to reverse the decline of the national kiwi population and create more kiwi-safe habitat all over Aotearoa. We work to raise awareness of the plight of the kiwi, how important this taonga is to all New Zealanders’ identities, and what people can do to help.</p> <p>My intent in reviewing these documents is to ensure no current allowance for kiwi protection is lost. This is in keeping with the Statement of Proposal, which notes the following as an outcome of the proposed changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retention and clarification of prohibitions across the District to protect birdlife, in particular Kiwi <p>We support this outcome, and make the following additional suggestions:</p> <p>Keep existing standard</p> <p>As noted in the Statement of Proposal, under the current Dog Management Bylaw 2013 dogs must be kept under control at all times, in any place. This is stated in Section 3: Dogs to be under control at all times. The owner or any person in charge or having control of any dog, shall keep such dog securely tied up or otherwise effectively confined or under his/her direct control.</p> <p>This standard has been removed from the proposed bylaws. The justification for the removal of this standard appears to be the</p>

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		<p>consideration that this point is covered under the Dog Control Act 1996. However, the Act only has the following detail:</p> <p>5 Obligations of dog owners (1) The obligations imposed on dog owners by this Act require every owner of a dog— (b) to ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times:</p> <p>The draft Policy somewhat covers the control of dogs, in that it states: 12.1. Dog owners are expected to— e. ensure their dog does not leave their property by itself; and h. always keep their dog under control.</p> <p>The Statement of Proposal states: Both the Policy and Bylaw contain content that repeats matters that are provided for under the Act and which are not necessary to include in either document for Council to be able to act where necessary. These inclusions are confusing and make the documents more complex than they need to be. Both of the proposed documents now include 'related information' sections that provide relevant information on provisions of the Act where they have links to the Policy or Bylaw content instead.</p> <p>However, the requirement to provide relevant information in the 'related information' sections has not occurred for keeping dogs under control.</p> <p>The extra details provided in the 2013 bylaw create better understanding of what 'under control' means, and gives clear guidance to dogs owners, Animal Control Officers, and the wider public about expectations. Removing this clarifying statement allows for ambiguity and confusion, and could potentially result in fewer dog owners keeping their dogs under effective control.</p> <p>We request that the proposed dog bylaw be ammended to include the following standard, as per the current bylaw:</p> <p>Dogs to be under control at all times. The owner or any person in charge or having control of any dog, shall keep such dog securely tied up or otherwise effectively confined or under his/her direct control.</p> <p>As well as providing clarity, this is in keeping with other dog bylaws, such as Kawerau District which states:</p> <p>Control of dogs Every dog owner and every other person in charge or having control of any dog(s) is required by this bylaw to keep such dog(s) effectively confined or under his/her direct control at all times during the day and night.</p> <p>And Wairoa District, which states:</p> <p>The owner or person responsible for the dog shall keep the dog under control at all times.</p>

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		<p>Limit the number of dogs per property</p> <p>The proposed bylaw does not have any provision for limiting the number of dogs allowed per property. This is in contrast to the dog bylaws of many other territorial authorities, including:</p> <p>Kaipapa District Council, which states the following:</p> <p>No more than two dogs may be kept at an urban property, unless a permit to do so has been applied for on the prescribed form and upon payment of the prescribed fee and granted by the Council.</p> <p>Auckland Council, which states the following:</p> <p>No person may keep more than two dogs over the age of 3 months (other than a working dog) on any premises zoned as urban residential under the Unitary Plan for more than 30 consecutive days, without a licence.</p> <p>Hauraki District Council, which states the following:</p> <p>No person shall keep, or permit to be kept, on or within any premises within the urban area more than two (2) dogs of greater age than three (3) months without first obtaining the written consent of the Council.</p> <p>Setting limits for the number of dogs allowed per property can result in better outcomes for wildlife, for communities, and for the dogs themselves.</p> <p>We request that the proposed bylaw be ammended to set a standard around the total number of dogs allowed per property, and that that standard is a maximum of two dogs (other than working dogs) in all areas across the district.</p> <p>Dog registration considerations</p> <p>The Statement of Proposal notes: The current Policy states the percentage of cost recovery by way of fees and offences. This is inconsistent with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2002 to set cost recovery matters through the Revenue and Financing Policy and in accordance with Section 37 of the Act. This section has been amended to remove this inconsistency but retain clarity on the types of fees that will attract a reduced annual registration fee.</p> <p>We have previously had discussions with Animal Control Officers about the opportunity to reduce dog registation fees for owners of dogs who do not have infringments for roaming. This was not possible at the time as the full registration fees were required for cost recovery. Now that this has changed we propose the following: There is a discount on the annual dog registration fee for dogs who do not have any infringments for roaming (e.g. 20% reduction).</p>

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		<p>This will work as both an incentive for owners to keep their dogs controlled and contained, and as a reward for owners who are already doing so. Reducing the number of roaming dogs has positive benefits for communities, other domestic animals, and wildlife.</p> <p>There is extra provision for encouraging dogs to be kept under control in the proposed bylaws, as detailed in the Statement of Proposal: It is proposed to include a clause in the Bylaw that requires a dog to be neutered if it has not been kept under control and to provide an associated objection process. The proposed Bylaw includes an explanatory note to clarify that owners who do not comply with the current requirement to neuter their dog, if it is not under control on more than one occasion over a 12-month period, may be subject to an infringement and would still be required to neuter their dog.</p> <p>This seems like a sound incentive, with the extra benefit of potentially reducing unplanned puppies. We support the addition of this provision in the dog bylaws.</p> <p>We also support the addition of clarification around dogs needing to be on a leash in public places unless there is signage indicating otherwise; that the Policy has been updated to provide location-specific information for off and on leash, and dog prohibited areas; and that the council can set temporary access rules for the protection of wildlife vulnerable to dogs. These are positive steps to ensure that correct information is readily accessible to the community, and that protection is available as and when required.</p> <p>We support any initiatives to promote the education of dog owners, specifically via dog owner education classes. This is noted in in the Policy under Responsible dog ownership 11.1.a encouraging educational opportunities to promote the purposes of the Policy and Bylaw from time to time. More detail around what these education opportunities could be would be useful.</p> <p>Additional comments</p> <p>We would also like to support the following point from the submission made by the Forest and Bird Northern Branch:</p> <p>4. We request the insertion in clause 6.2 of the Dog Management Bylaw the words “with a functional need to be”, to clarify that working dogs with no functional need to be in a prohibited area are not allowed there.</p> <p>Additionally, we would like to support the submission made by Backyard Kiwi to reinstate a regular brochure being sent with the dog registration notices, informing dog owners about kiwi, and kiwi -friendly actions they can take. We can see the benefit of these brochures being distributed region-wide.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, and for the positive changes that have already been drafted into the Policy and Bylaws. Ngā mihi, Emma Craig</p>

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DOG-MGT-249	Miriam	<p>Dogs in city center: will be great however potentially more dog poos that are not being cleaned up. And worried in summer that dogs are burning their paw pads on hot sidewalk or overheating in the car.</p> <p>Rugby fields: I wouldn't want to be attending rugby training and firstly having to check the field for dog poos or stepping into one. But they do provide a great exercise area for dogs and it's sad to have dogs banned from them. Also because there's a field in proximity of everyone to be able to access within 10min. I used to be member of Whangarei Dog Training Association and it is really sad to see they are currently not allowed to use the Okara field for agility training. Everyone there is very responsible and looking after the place. There is way more rubbish left behind after rugby training (lollie wrappings, drink bottles, socks, bandaids, mouth protection piece) than from dog training.</p> <p>Dog park: planning a more spacious one would be great to see. People there are sadly often quite irresponsible about their dog's behavior and cleaning up after them. Other towns that are smaller than Whangarei (e.g. Kerikeri, Havelock North) have fantastic dog parks with forest, shaded areas, spacious areas for running or getting out of the way of each other and a natural water stream. The grassy area around the current dog park is huge, why not expand the dog park and plant some fast growing trees to provide shade.</p> <p>Beach access: the summer ban is understandable and I personally welcome it as it protects dogs from overheating. 9am is pretty early though and it would be very dog owner friendly to start from 10am. Just one hour extra would make such a big difference.</p> <p>Whangarei Heads area: I understand that kiwis need to be protected. But as a local I see the lack of off lead areas other than beaches or narrow grassy strips that are next to the main road. It would be lovely to be allowed to take dogs to Kauri Mountain Beach for a long walk or do a loop walk (e.g. Reotahi) . My partner and me have our regular debates wanting to exercise the dogs where they can be ideally off lead, sniff and run and are confronted with a lack of options. The beach is nice but it's not nice to have a dog covered in sand twice a day.</p> <p>My partner and me pick up rubbish that we find on pretty much every walk that we do. In coastal areas this means lots of fishing line, rusty hooks, sinkers, stinky bait bags and lots and lots of bottles, often glass. The worst was at Kauri Mountain beach where we picked up the remains of the previous night's BBQ with plastic and glass bottles, smashed plastic plates, cutlery, plastic bags and wrapping even a home made open fire grill altogether worth a car boot full left behind on the sand plateau. I've never seen a sign banning humans from going to the beach because of leaving rubbish behind. I've also never seen dogs leaving behind rubbish as such. Worth a thought and to consider who is doing more harm to the environment, flora and fauna.</p> <p>Any dog friendly area or even better off leash area added is great to see. Whangarei has quite a few dogs and is a gateway for local travelers with dogs to go north. Northland in general is not a priority destination though because of the lack of dog friendly walks/hikes. It would be great to see a dog friendly walk/hike, ideally loop, that can be accessed all the time. I'm thinking of Glenbervie Forest</p>

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		<p>which offers great miles of tracks but can only be accessed after 5pm, weekends and public holidays.</p> <p>Thank you for reading</p>
DOG-MGT-250	Lucie de Boer	<p>Why does Whangarei District Council not offer discounts for Gold Club holders and also offer a discount for Responsible Dog owners. I have owned dogs for the last 20 years and have never had any issues with my dogs. If I lived in Auckland and had a RDOL or a Gold Card I would only have to pay \$75.00 for a desexed dog. About \$27.00 less that WDC charges. It would be nice if the responsible dog owners in Whangarei could get some discount for their dogs. And what about the elderly and their lapdogs. Their dogs often don't even to go for a walk as the owners are so afraid of the wandering dogs attacking their small dogs. Come on Whangarei. Do something for the good dog owners.</p>
DOG-MGT-251	Tania Tipene	<p>I do not believe that the neutering of menacing dogs is correct - I have always registered my dogs and kept them safe from harm, however I was advised that my 13-year-old grey haired Pitbull needed to get castrated as he was a menacing breed. When this was completed, my dog forever leaked and was forever sullen.</p> <p>I understand if the dog was younger however at the age of 13, I do not think it is right.</p> <p>Please establish an age cut off of desexing dogs of the menacing breeds group (actually even the menacing breed classification is an insult).</p>
DOG-MGT-252	Mathew Hemara (Department Of Conservation)	[empty submission]
DOG-MGT-253	Becky Stone	<p>Kia ora, thank you for requesting feedback on the proposed policy and bylaw. I am in support of preventing roaming dogs and supporting the accessibility of desexing etc.</p> <p>My main feedback and plea is for consideration of dogs being allowed on leash along the Stuart Rd track to Reotahi, as well as dogs continuing to be allowed on leash at the small reserve on Whangārei heads rd, opposite the end of Stuart Rd.</p> <p>As the owner of a reactive rescue dog, who we have done a considerable amount of training with, there are limitations of where we can easily and safely walk him, away from other dogs, traffic, and lots of people.</p> <p>Firstly, the Stuart Rd to Reotahi track is the only place in our area that a reactive dog can be walked that isn't on a main road (with trucks, post vehicle etc going past), or on the beach where they can still see the rubbish truck etc going past and are much more likely to encounter other dogs and people. Our dog is friendly and safe but he gets overwhelmed.</p> <p>Secondly, the small reserve is the other place where (whilst it is by a main rd) it is still set back from there and allows a small walk on</p>

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		<p>the field.</p> <p>I work in the disability sector and inclusion is a vital concept for my field. I myself am also disabled, so I really struggle with sensory issues of walking along the main roads, with the noises of vehicles and toots etc. It is really important that those of us who choose to rescue dogs and provide safe homes, can support their recovery through safe walking areas for decompression. Not all dogs can easily go for a walk along the road or the beach (especially if high tide as it's right by the road).</p> <p>I urge you to please consider this. The reotahi track is hardly used and the dog owners of this area are the ones who would really value it. I understand the need for safety with kiwi but it does not mean it should be a blanket ban, when they can be kept on lead, especially as the first half of that track is along the shoreline.</p> <p>Perhaps the small reserve could be considered to have some fencing put in as an extra safeguard and boundary line for those with dogs, while we still have them on the leash.</p> <p>Thankyou for your consideration :)</p>
DOG-MGT-255	Edward Stone	<p>Please consider allowing dogs on leash on the walking track between Reotahi and Stuart Rd and the reserve along Whangārei heads rd, opposite the fire station. These are the only 2 places in the area that are good places for a dog to be walked on leash, other than along the road and the beach (with a limited shoreline when at high tide and still near the road). It is important for dogs to be able to sniff and have enrichment in nature, and not just on a concrete road. There are no other areas away from the main road with trucks etc to walk dogs out here.</p> <p>Please consider more on-leash areas in Whangārei heads for dog, and not just ban them, which ends up causing worse behavioural issues if they have to walk in overstimulating triggering areas. I know animal management have worked with Francine from K9luva and I'm sure she has taught the stuff about the importance of enrichment and positive reinforcement for dogs behaviour.</p> <p>Thankyou :)</p>
DOG-MGT-256	Knox Henderson	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>Banning dogs from sports parks is understandable however it is disputable that will fix the issue attempting to solve those who are not responsible enough to control/manage/clean up after their dogs are unlikely to respect the proposed no go zone changes. It would be nice see a reconsideration of general exclusion and replace with a review of individual parks where a designated walk through track is an option (as determined for Tikipunga sporks park), for example Onerahi Sporks Park there are several points at which a responsible dog owner can enter and exit park without encroaching sporting activities.</p> <p>Sports Park usage: It is evident that users of the sporks fields do not respect the sports fields either, as evident by the amount of rubbish left behind at each sporting event. If council intends to limit access to dog owners for not respecting the grounds then the same should be applied to members of the sporting community using the same grounds.</p> <p>Registration: currently dog owners subsidised animal management through annual registration. Animal management extends beyond</p>

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		<p>dogs ie primarily used for management of domestic dogs/cats. Registration does not apply to stray cats which could cause just as much nuisance as a stray dog. Registration and microchipping of cats should be required for consistency. It is my opinion, there should be a responsible owners course/registration for all residents who wish to have a pet. This has potential to further resource to fund animal management which could be used to increase and promote compliance such increase in waste litter bins, waste bag dispensers, education and monitoring of proposed bylaws. Moreover, a resident who has not participated in responsible owner course should forfeit their right to determine future of pet if there is an unwillingness to attend a course within a stipulated timeframe. An additional, registration cost tier should be introduced to cater for non attendance of responsible owner course. Sadly, it is very clear the change in bylaws proposed only stand to restrict responsible dog owners further. I challenge the council needs to think more dynamically to effect the desired changes required to make the community better in the area of domestic/owner management. Kind regards, Knox Henderson.</p>
DOG-MGT-233	Ellie Smith	<p>The Proposed Dog Management Policy and Bylaw. Urquhart Bay as a beach and foreshore area where dogs are allowed, year round, under control and off a leash.</p> <p>Firstly, thank you. I welcome the idea of a year round, off the leash, beach exercise area for dogs in our area. It is much needed and will be thoroughly appreciated and well used.</p> <p>I have a major concern about safety and the road traffic in this bay. Urquhart Bay is the main entrance to Smugglers beach, the Gun Emplacements-Headland walk and Bream Head Reserve. Upgrading the track and access to the reserve walks and beaches has been hugely successful and we now get hundreds of visitors enjoying this every day over summer.</p> <p>Urquhart Bay is accessed by a one way road, starting with a rock wall and then a narrow grass verge before dropping directly to the high tide mark of the beach. There is nowhere to turn a car, except the boat ramp part way along the bay.</p> <p>The official car park at the Smugglers end of the bay is great but small (approx 10-15 cars) and doesn't have a turning area if cars have parked on both sides of the road.</p> <p>The beach is a typical harbour beach - lovely and safe (very popular with families with young children) but it is shallow and muddy/rocky and only really used at high tide when the water is fully in and only about 1-2 metres from the road.</p> <p>Single lane road. No turning area. Last boat ramp in the harbour and popular with fishermen. A popular walking track and entrance to the reserve. Safe swimming bay. High tide mark close to road verge. Hugely increased use over summer - cars parked both sides of the road on the verge for the entire length of the bay.</p>

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		<p>Over summer our bay is now chaotic and dangerous - it is already over capacity with traffic and is not safe. I suggest you check with your rubbish collection drivers about what they have to deal with in our bay now. It can not take the added traffic that would be caused by families bringing their dogs to the only exercise area.</p> <p>Please consider this before making a decision.</p>

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HC-1	Mary Love	<p>Bream Bay – Uretiti – Map#7</p> <p>This proposal is ill considered and those affected have not been consulted.</p> <p>Not all registered dog owners have been contacted, some emails sent out but seem to have been random.</p> <p>We need an accessible area of beach to exercise our dogs, if this is denied to us more problems with roaming dogs could eventuate.</p> <p>The existing designated areas should remain.</p>
HC-2	Jan van der Lee	<p>as a Whangarei ratepayer and owner of 2 properties – I totally oppose the proposed bylaw of closing Uretiti Beach – allowing dogs during summer hours year around. I own 3 well trained, registered dogs and I am passionate about all animal welfare.</p> <p>My home property in outer Whangarei has covenants protecting NZ wildlife which I strictly adhere to – I own more than a hectare & this is fully fenced so my animals cannot encroach on the bush.</p> <p>You are squeezing out dog owning citizens – There is ‘nowhere’ for me to exercise my dogs.</p> <p>I am seriously considering selling both properties & moving to the South Island – where dogs/dog owners are better supported.</p> <p>Whangarei has one small dog park for the whole of the area.</p> <p>Meet us half way and allow dogs on certain beaches – on a leash. By the way get the vehicles off Uretiti as they do way more damage – horses? That’s a big hoof!</p>
HC-6	Peter Owen	<p>PF1</p> <p>Free access to the beach for cars & dogs and nudasts & to be free all the time.</p>
HC-7	Deb B	<p>PF1</p> <p>keep it status quo. allow cars & dogs on beach</p>
HC-31	Grant Shand	<p>PF1</p> <p>Proposal is stupid.</p> <p>Nowhere else to walk dogs</p> <p>Never seen any birds north of Tip.</p>
HC-34	Tony Ward	<p>Uretiti is an open space where few people populate. There are few places to walk. Please keep it open for our dogs.</p>
HC-37	Janine Hazelwood	<p>PF1</p> <p>We need space to walk our dogs. DO NOT change the all day access 365 days of the year at Tip Road.</p>
HC-46	John Allen	<p>I do not want Map 7 Uretiti any changes to my rights to walk my dog along the designated free off leash part of the beach.</p> <p>Do not restrict us or change the rules.</p> <p>As a rate payer I do not want this access changed.</p>

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HC-54	Leigh Butler	PF1 What is offered for dogs in Waipu? No dog park + please leave Waihoihoi Park for dogs to play in.
HC-58	Sue Matthews	PF1 Not approving dogs on the beach during birds nesting.
HC-65	Martin North	Whanagrei council is very unfriendly to dog owners. At Ocean beach dogs are confined to the main swimming area, this creates problems with the lack of space. If the area to the North of ocean beach was opened up then people are there dogs could spread out more. Most cities allow dogs in the center, Whanagrei does not.
HC-66	Linda Jarrett	I'm happy with proposal with the only comment below. I am a good dog owner, who obeys all Bylaws, has a well-fenced property, my dogs have registrations and have received no "adverse remarks or complaints". I do not use dog parks etc, but I am happy to support these. For people like me I should receive the "good owner discount", years ago we did and it disappeared. Its unfair on good dog owners to pay for the ones who don't care, won't register or neuter/spay their dogs. As a ratepayer it would be nice to receive something in a way of a discount as I don't receive anything from my dogs registrations other than their tag.
HC-67	Elisa Thomas	I think its terrible for dog owners – there does not seem to be any change at all where is a safe place to run your dog off the lead near Kamo. All the places to run your dogs off the lead are either tiny areas, tidal or right by main roads. How can you throw a ball safely right next to a main road. Where are more dog parks – rent an acre off a farmer away from livestock and use it as a dog park. Why can't there be more areas in town. Owners should be responsible for picking up after their dogs. I want to take my dog with me on nice walks such as around to Smugglers, there are sooo many places in Northland that you can't take your dogs that we are even thinking of moving away. We both have valued jobs that are needed in Northland but we are fed up with not being able to take our dogs with us to places at the weekend when they are part of our family. Would you leave a family member behind when you go places for a visit?
HC-68	Jan Corles	Off lead area at Uretiti Beach I have a border collie, a working dog breed that needs to be well exercised. I have been taking my dogs to this beach for well over 3 years and it is serving as a suitable exercise area for such an active dog. To lose it over the holiday period, would result in a frustrated, unhappy dog. This beach should not be used to encourage bathers/swimmers. It can be unpredictable and it is not patrolled. If the council wishes to

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		<p>use/encourage the use of it as a swimmers beach, there would be a need for a patrol over this period (same as the cove and Ruakaka).</p> <p>Dog owners have very little choice as to where they can exercise their dogs, they NEED this stretch of beach to keep their animals fit, healthy and well exercised.</p> <p>If this proposal has been instigated by the bird organisation, I would ask, why can't nesting areas be roped off, the same as other beaches I have seen. Everyone needs to be pro-active around making this shared area work for all. It is simply unfair to single out organisations/groups of people who have needs different to their own.</p> <p>Keep things the way they are, it 'works'</p>
HC-69	Helen Lagerstedt	<p>As a dog owner I'm happy with the increase in the proposed off leash options, especially beaches in summer. My feed-back is with regard to the design of the maps in the proposal. I found the dark colours made it difficult to interpret the details in the maps. I suggest using map bases we are familiar with – eg google maps standard or satellite images. This will make it much easier to interpret & therefore use. I also found the very bright colours demarking the 'go & no go areas' – leash, off leash etc.</p> <p>I tried to use the GIS map indicating the areas dogs can go. I found the map to be very slow & unresponsive. I think having the mapping option for dog exercise areas is really great, but only if it works well. I thought I could print the maps and leave in the car, but as the maps stand they would use so much ink to print, & perhaps the dark colours won't show the demarcation very clearly.</p> <p>Thank-you</p>
HC-72	Dale Halvorson	<p>FEEDBACK:</p> <p>11.1. When in a public place or premise, dog owners must ensure the immediate removal and disposal of their dog's faeces. This must be done in a way that does not cause a nuisance.</p> <p>The wording should be clearer as to require owners to physically take faeces with them UNTIL disposed in rubbish bins or similar. Otherwise it can often just be "nudged to the side".</p> <p>Enforced neutering is a great idea. It's a shame that it takes at least 2 events (often with someone being a victim) for this to even be a possibility.</p> <p>I would like to know now the public are able to easily identify an animal that has been out of control or intimidating?</p> <p>If owners have to have their dogs chipped then why not have an app that the public can use that would identify any dogs that get within a certain proximity of ones person? That would make me feel much safer than currently when some people let their dogs roam freely and make assurances that "he's friendly". That is not an assertion that I ever want to have to prove.</p> <p>I appreciated the wording of Clause 15.1a) "not everyone is fond of dogs".</p> <p>Please understand that some people actually look for places where dogs are prohibited so they can enjoy public spaces peacefully without encountering dogs not on leashes.</p>
HC-73	Jamie Robert Shields	<p>PF2 More time on beaches 10am-5pm</p>
HC-74	Heather Shields	<p>PF2 Extend beach hours 10am-5pm</p>

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HC-75	Ann Whitwell	PF2 Summer at Waipu Cove = 10am-5pm
HC-76	Clarke Fiddes	PF2 More dog owners - 10am-5pm for Langs Beach
HC-77	Nia Owen	PF2 Langs + Waipu beach 10am-5pm
HC-79	Nick Brackenridge	PF2 Summer hrs should be 10am-5pm
HC-81	Reina Reilly	PF2 Summer 10am-5pm = Waipu
HC-82	Derek Heiwari	PF2 More time on beach - 10am-5pm summer
HC-83	Susan Crow	PF1 Ban motorbikes & cars instead!
HC-84	Adam Stocking	PF2 Extend summer hours 10am-5pm
HC-85	Kylie Shepherd	PF1 Ban cars as health & safety is often compromised.
HC-94	Colleen Merrykes	Agree to keeping status quo on dog walking hours at Tip Rd.
HC-95	V Campbell	My computer is not working, hence writing. I have owned 3 dogs individually over many years since retirement. I have observed many things. Dogs are intelligent, loyal, caring & fun creatures & deserve respect & care, which is often not given. Chained dogs – Dogs should only be chained for short periods. How would we like to be chained 24/7. Blank fences – Dogs like to see what is happening. Maybe a few peep holes could help. Dogs on leashes – Dogs should be leashed in all public places. A large dog rushing, even playfully, at elderly persons, kiddies & smaller dogs can break bones. More designated, well signposted dog areas are needed. If dogs are leashed, owners can see where they poop & hopefully clean it up.

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		<p>Dogs per suburban property – Suburban dogs should not have more than 2 smaller dogs per section. A property near me had 3 huge dogs who went berserk everytime anyone walked past. The fence did not seem adequate. Public should be able to walk pavements unafraid.</p> <p>Barking dogs – Owners go to work & can't hear their dogs barking all day. If dogs can't be re-homed, leaving dogs inside would muffle the noise.</p> <p>Registrations – Why should responsible dog owners have to pay for irresponsible dog owners dogs. A larger initial registration & requirement to attend dog owner classes should be required. Smaller yearly registration would be fairer.</p> <p>Random checks on properties could ensure dogs wellbeing. Relevant vaccinations should be compulsory e.g. parvo, kennel cough etc.</p> <p>Cost of a dog – Should be more widely advertised. My dog is 12 yrs old & has cost \$20,000 to date, incl. food. She is a small dog.</p> <p>Yours sincerely (Mrs) V. Campbell Retired Courts Deputy, Marriage Celebrant & Justice of the Peace.</p>
HC-96	Colleen Wesley	<p>The area where the steps have been wiped out in the vicinity of Niwa, where I have walked my dogs for the last 6 yrs off leash as I am elderly and no replacement has been put in place. I've tried all the tracts where there is access to the beach and it is too dangerous. I even tried the Mair Rd steps it is dangerous. Now they want to take away the Tip Rd entrance at Uretiti beach, for what reason there are only dog walkers down there. I now walk my dogs at the surf club end at Ruakaka almost everyday. There were 3 others on the kms of Ruakaka beach. Yet every year a few people who aren't there any other time of the year and seem to be dog haters seem to get dogs banned on large areas of the beach. The beach used t be free for all, now it is a bureaucratic nightmare to even understand the signs the council has put up.</p> <p>I fully endorse the right to be able to walk free in the city. Having a dog locked up in a hot car is cruel. I don't do much shopping in the city as anything I have to do it in a hurry. This deprives businesses of my services I have to do it online.</p> <p>Responsible dog owner as are all dog walkers who take their dogs for walks.</p>
HC-97	Roger King (Waipu Cove Reserve Board)	<p>The Board supports 5.1 of the summer season rules, with two amendments.</p> <p>1/ The first being; after 5.00pm evening change to 'Under control, on a leash'.</p> <p>2/ Second, we would like to extend date to 7th February, for end of summer period.</p> <p>We would also request that we could see dogcontrol officers on a more regular basis at the beach, i.e. preferably twice weekly or whatever Council can manage.</p>
HC-98	Sue Yarrow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I thought that as a dog owner with a registered dog I would have personally been consluted by mail regarding these changes. 2. As a resident of Finch St, One Tree Point, and having regularly walked my dog t Marsden Bay Reserve. I am disappointed to see it is now a no dog area at all. 3. I would like you to consider making a part of this beach a dog friendly area. I propose that between the two drain outlets could be used for a dog area. This is a part of the beach that is not frquented by swimmers, picnickers and also it is not a knowmn godwit nesting area. 4. There is a lot of homeowners in the immediate area with dogs and having talked to many of them, they are unhappy with Council's

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		<p>decisions. We all chose this area for the lifestyle and we consider our dogs as part of our family, so enjoying the beach is part of that.</p>
HC-99	Mark Domican (and Orinoco the dog)	<p>Dog Control Submission Mark Domican This submission relates to North Ruakaka beach (from Ruakaka Riverto NIWA) 5.1 Dogs are allowed on all beach and foreshore areas in the Whangarei District, except for those areas provided for under sections 2.2, 3.2 and 4.2 of Schedule 2, subject to the following summer season rule: Summer (20 December to 31 January) Outside summer season Morning (before 9am) Under control off a leash All times Under control off a Daytime (9am to leash 5pm Prohibited Evening (after 5pm) Under control off a leash.</p>

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The proposed change for the beach area adjacent to Marsden Village identifies:

- the beach north of Ruakanohi Street as "off leash",
- the beach between Service Lane One and Ruakanohi Street as "off leash except prohibited 9am-5pm 20 December to 31 January"
- the beach south of Service Lane One as "Controlled dog area - no access"

The existing bylaw identifies:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the beach north of Taotahi Walk as "off leash", • the beach between the bird sanctuary and Taotahi Walk as "off leash except prohibited 9am-5pm 20 December to 31 January" • the bird sanctuary as "Controlled dog area - no access" <p>I do not understand why there is a need for a change to the existing bylaw for the above area. I therefore object to the change based upon the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no legal foot access from Ruakanohi Street (see red line in above illustration) Dogs would have to either access the beach over a fence and dunes or break the bylaw and enter via the Karawai Street path (where the steps used to be) during the period 9am-5pm, 20 December to 31 January. 2. The Karawai Street entrance is not suitable for less a bled residents as the steps down to the beach no longer exist. 3. Residents of Marsden Village have been entering the beach with their dogs via the various paths (marked in blue in the above illustration) with no problems to date. Many other residents walk their dogs down Tamingi Street and Taotahi Walk to access the beach - also with no issues. The proposed change will prohibit this in future. 4. Many residents enter the beach with their dogs from the racecourse entrance. The proposed change will prohibit this in future. 5. Responsible dog owners follow the existing bylaw for this area. Irresponsible dog owners will ignore both the existing and new bylaw. <p>If there is a need to change the bylaw for North Ruakaka Beach, then I propose the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beach north of Tutiki Walk as "off leash" (replacing Taotahi Walk). • The beach between the bird sanctuary and Tutiki Walk as "off leash except prohibited 9am-5pm 20 December to 31 January". • The bird sanctuary as "Controlled dog area - no access". <p>This principally retains the status quo but in future enables access with dogs from Wahanui Walk and Tutiki Walk between 9am-5pm 20 December to 31 January.</p> <p>Dog Control Submission by Orinoco Domican (the dog- see photo below)</p>

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		 <p>This submission relates to North Ruakaka beach (from Ruakaka River to NIWA)</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>Dogs are allowed on all beach and foreshore areas in the Whangarei District, except for those areas provided for under sections 2.2, 3.2 and 4.2 of Schedule 2, subject to the following summer season rule: Summer (20 December to 31 January) Outside summer season Morning (before 9am) Under control off a leash All times Under control off a Daytime (9am to leash 5pm Prohibited Evening</p>

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		<p>(after 5pm) Under control off a leash</p> <p>I live at 4 Taotahi Walk with my owner (Mark Domican). He takes me down to the beach most days via the Taotahi Walk beach access. When I get to the beach and am allowed off leash I enjoy going down to the water to swim. I'm known locally as the swimming dog as I frequently swim for 30 minutes to an hour out in Bream Bay. My owner sits patiently (sometimes :-)) by the Taotahi Walk entrance to ensure that nobody risks their safety trying to save me or call the surf lifesavers (only happened once) as I often swim hundreds of metres from the shoreline.</p> <p>Below is a photo of me swimming off the Taotahi Walk beach access (can you spot me?)</p>  <p>I have not caused any harm to any person or animal. My owner ensures that I do not go south of Taotahi Walk during the summer period nor allow me to walk on the dunes or chase birds. I would like to continue to swim here - this is my favourite place. My owner says that the proposed changes will stop me accessing the beach from Taotahi Walk at any time or day. Please let me access the beach from Taotahi Walk year round.</p>  <p>Orinoco Domican</p>
HC-102	Stephen Atkinson	<p>I am not in favour of any further restrictions being placed on dog access to any areas. I would rather access be allowed to more not less areas.</p>

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		Most dog owners who take care of their animals would not prove to be a problem for most areas where they take their dogs. The problem is around unregistered dogs and their owners.
HC-103	Shirley Julian	<p>I feel that dogs should NOT be allowed in the city centre or other retail areas.</p> <p>I am often around the Town Basin and Loop where dogs are allowed and I see some dog owners that DO NOT pick up the dog's poo. The dogs also urinate everywhere.</p> <p>This would not be nice in the city centre.</p> <p>I also find the some dogs especially the bigger ones are frightening.</p> <p>Around Whangarei dog owners have many places to walk their dogs (including a great Dog Park)</p> <p>So PLEASE keep the retail areas a DOG FREE area.</p> <p>If you change it and it doesn't work out it will be difficult to change it back.</p> <p>Please remember that NOT everyone loves dogs.</p>
HC-132	Elke Radewald	<p>I vote for no change please</p> <p>Dogs deserve a right for exercising all year round.</p>
HC-133	Clare Scott	<p>PF1</p> <p>Please don't punish our dogs by taking away one of the few places they are currently allowed to run. You are punishing good owners too!</p> <p>We pay rego (\$\$\$) and get almost nothing for it especially in the Waipu area.</p> <p>As it is we have to compete against speeding vehicles on the beach too. They are more dangerous than our happy exercised dogs.</p> <p>Please give good owners respect and the opportunity to continue to love living here.</p>
HC-215	Matase Hunt	<p>PF4</p> <p>Also provide dog area up top of Langs)</p>
HC-222	Doug Scrymgeour	<p>PF5</p> <p>All WDC beaches summer house 10-5</p>
HC-271	David Mickelborough	<p>PF6</p> <p>Change hours on Estuary to 10-4pm</p>
HC-279	Cherie Goodhue	<p>PF5</p> <p>All WDC summer hour beaches 10-5</p>
HC-291	Lucinda Boyer	<p>PF5</p> <p>All WDC Summer hours beaches 10-5</p>

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HC-292	Mike Hanlon	PF5 All WDC beach summer hours 10-5
HC-303	Nathan Collins	PF5 Dog access allowed on Langs Beach
HC-304	John Foster	PF5 Dogs allowed on Langs Beach
HC-362	Carolyn Dymock	PF6 Don't believe this will help anyone
HC-367	Gail Hawke	PF6 This is a vast area. Perfect for dog walkers.
HC-370	Shirley Neal	1/ Dog faeces around One Tree Point. On 6, 35 min different walks, I came across 60 dog faeces not picked up. 2/ Dogs on One Tree Point beach. Between 189 OTP Rd and 38 OTP Rd, not on leashes chasing seabirds, including Spoonbills. 3/ More clear larger signage is needed. 4/ Limit to 1 dog per household 5/ Often seen dogs off leash while One Tree Point School children walking, biking and scootering to school
HC-372	Michael P. Jujnovich	Thank you for this opportunity. I am against any more freedom for DOGS and their owners. I believe dogs and their owners have limited rights, already laid down by Council bylaws. Loose dogs (no leash or lead) I believe have NO rights. Loose dogs are very common on the walking, SHARED, Loop. This morning, of Monday 10 June '24, I encountered 5 loose dogs on or near the shared Loop. Dog faeces, not picked up is a common observation on the loop and other CITY streets. The CBD is for people, not animals. The CITY has provided some huge areas on POHE Island for Dogs and their owners. Loose dogs are a constant Danger to cyclists and others using shared walkways and paths.
HC-373	Julie Duffy	As a resident of Whangarei, I wish to submit this submission in regards to the current and proposed dog bylaw legislation. I am a previous dog owner and someone who has been attacked by a roaming pack of dogs on a WDC road. I want to be very clear that dog friendly areas must be provided to dog owners and there needs to be dog restricted areas for residents like myself who now struggle in the company of dogs off leash. As I heard in your podcast, there are many dog friendly areas but I assume many people, including myself, do not know where they

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		<p>are. However, dogs must be socialised and this is where the buck is passed back and forth between central government and WDC. Our roads are your roads and I expect to be kept safe. With no way to enforce your bylaws, it is very naïve to expect people to do the right thing and looks like nothing more than talk and bureaucracy. Every morning I see dogs off leash on Kensington sports field. Every weekend I see dogs off leash in the town centre. Nothing is being done about this, and Animal Control do nothing about frequently roaming dogs in my area, saying "well we're not coming as it will probably have gone by the time we get there". My dog attack was fairly serious and I have included photos because it is important that you see what goes on in your city. There should be no dangerous dog option for the dog registration. No one needs to own a menacing or dangerous dog. This is simply revenue for you and does not benefit decent residents at all. Please do what is right and provide decent dog owners with what they need and remove dangerous dogs from bad owners for people like myself and give us some dog free areas and keep dogs off the bush trails. The future of Whangarei needs to address public safety otherwise people will not stay nor invest. Thank you for reading my submission and I truly hope these matters raised are properly addressed.</p> <div>  </div>

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Email-1	Robert Spriggs	<p>Honestly ... is this where my rates are going? My companion and friend is 13 years old, weighs less than 10kg. I know his time is dwindling and yet Council is considering WHAT? I'm not the "owner" of a dog... I share the comfort of friendship and love of the canine best friend who walks with me. I'm beyond my mid sixties and Charlie (dog) is my only 24 hour comfort.</p> <p>Think carefully ... I know there are bad dogs out there, but please consider the others!</p>
Email-2	Mark Sanders	<p>Good morning</p> <p>We are owners of 2 large well behaved dogs. They are fenced in, secure, walked daily, and looked after. I think the council should penalize bad dog owners by increasing their rego charge, and then discount good owners. At the moment everyone is lumped into the same category which isn't fair. I imagine there are many repeat offenders around town.</p> <p>Small dog owners and large dog owners should be treated the same. All dogs should be banned from food places and public events. Those that have small dogs seem to believe they have the right to take them anywhere.</p> <p>With the increase in costs people should have to provide proof that they can actually cover the cost of feeding their animals before they adopt. Many large dogs neglected or dumped because they are too expensive to feed. Subsidize the SPCA so that they can provide a better service. No easy solution when so many disregard any rules.</p> <p>Good luck</p>
Email-3	Jan Haraldsson	<p>sadly your form isn't working please don't change the Uretiti current dog access. many folk from area who fish take their dogs and are responsible. many elderly are able to walk their dogs along tracks and beach due to easy access and they feel safe doing so</p>
Email-4	Jan Allen	<p>As a rate payer and dog owner, I do not want the laws changed to restrict my access to tip road and uretiti beach at all , map 7, it is an open space for my dog to run safely. I prefer to walk uretiti tip carpark ,nearly up to the camp ground ,and I strongly want to continue to do this all year . I don't go further as there is usually naked or loitering men in the sand dunes.</p>

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		<p>Many people use this walk ,tip carpark to camp ground, from early morning to late afternoon ,to exercise themselves, and their dogs responsibly. Along with horses .</p> <p>I have not commented on all the changes proposed ,just the ones that affect me. I leave that for others to comment on their areas .</p> <p>I do realise we have some bad dog owners, dangerous dogs ,backyard breeders, and these need to be looked at, to save the dogs ,and rehome them . These are the people you should be going after NOT the responsible dog owners ,who are giving the dogs their best lives .</p> <p>I feel owning a dog is good for our health and mental wellbeing . It gets us up and out and interacting with people . Many single and widowed people enjoy ,interacting with dogs and owners , it's a safe environment for them It is also a social time chatting to local residences ,walking their dogs ,and sharing thoughts ,and having a laugh ,and enjoying the beautiful safe surroundings . We are all happy with how things are thank you and we need it all year long</p> <p>There are enough restrictions on our lives ,without taking this away as well , for no good reason . It costs money to own a dog example ,dog registration , and many business in the area , depend on our buying all the services and products to look after our dogs, so doing any thing to annoy, and restrict unfairly, is not helping our business community survive.</p> <p>I do not want to drive my car along the highway and park my car in a camp site where a lot of temporary (non rate payers live) Lately the shopping thief (since arrested) squattered there so, a place I don't want to be parked or walking on my own . You may be sending dogs and people closer to the camp people, who may complain about the dogs ,then you will ban us all together from the whole beach . Where as horses (pooping) and speeding cars are OK all over the beach</p> <p>It's not a safe area ,for being on your own ,along that deserted far end of the beach either . A lot of the older dog folks won't go there as its too far to drive ,and they could be alone ,and the atmosphere of transients is not a good place to be Much safer around the tip parking area ,more regular folks, and we all look out for each other .</p> <p>With the increase in rates ,that's coming ,which we won't get any extra services for, I suggest you leave all the dog owners to do what we all mostly do well ,and focus on saving some money to keep the city functioning , and improving facilities ,and not wasting your time on things, that don't need to be changed and perhaps Invest in more dog shelters, dog rescue, improved pound facilities, more rehoming programmes .</p>

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		But in doing that allow the space and areas to walk ,and run your dogs easier, for busy working rate payers ,to exercise their dogs Not harder .
Email-5	Grete Cooper	<p>Regarding the document "Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy May 2024":</p> <p>Page 6: No. 6.2 v says "controlled on a leash in any public place or private way (except when in a designated dog exercise area)."</p> <p>COMMENT: I have an issue with "except when in a designated dog exercise area". When a dog is classified as dangerous, it should NOT be allowed off leash in dog exercise areas/parks. Dangerous dogs (both on and off leash) may cause serious harm to other dogs and people.</p> <p>In fact, no. 6.2 iii says that dangerous dogs must be "muzzled in any public place or private way". This means that a dangerous dog should also be muzzled in an exercise area - which IS a public space.</p> <p>Page 13: No. 1.</p> <p>COMMENT: Please make the dog exercise area in the "Fenced area opposite carpark off Pohe" for SMALL dogs only. The other dog park in the "Fenced area southeast of David Culham Drive Island Road" can be for ALL dogs. I have met numerous people with small dogs who don't dare take their small-to-medium sized dogs to the "Fenced area southeast of David Culham Drive Island Road". Many of the dogs in this park are big and unruly. Many of the owners just sit down talking to other people - completely ignoring their dog. I also have a small-ish dog and no longer feel she's safe nor happy in the David Culham Drive dog park.</p> <p>Regarding the document "Proposed new Dog Management Bylaw May 2024":</p> <p>Page 5: 9.1. says "The owner of any dog (including a dangerous dog that is muzzled) may take that dog off a leash in a designated dog exercise area as specified in Schedule 2 of the Policy, provided that dog is kept under control."</p> <p>COMMENT: My proposal is not to let ANY dangerous dog into a dog exercise area. Not on a leash. Not muzzled. Not if "kept under control". Not at any time.</p> <p>Even if leashed or muzzled, these dogs can cause serious injuries (scratching, jumping up, pushing, etc.) to other dogs and people. They also cause fright among dogs and owners. Most dogs classified as "dangerous" are often big dogs (40+ kilos). Owners of dangerous dogs often don't comply with rules and regulations. They are not responsible dog owners. And a dog "kept under control" is not easily defined. A dog "kept under control" can suddenly be "out of control" and cause harm to other dogs and people.</p> <p>COMMENT regarding Motukiore Island, Parua Bay. I have noticed that some dog owners are pushing for Motukiore Island to become "dogs permitted". However, this is not possible due to Motukiore being DOC land. Besides, the Headland Farm Park (HFP) has for many decades had an agreement with DOC to let</p>

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		<p>HFP sheep eat the grass on the island. This is a benefit to both DOC and HFP. The HFP is responsible for, and pays for, maintaining and putting up new fencing on the island.</p> <p>There is a trend overseas to make sure “dangerous” dogs (eg XL Bullies in England and any dog with similar characteristics to XL Bullies) are banned outside the owner’s property and banned from breeding. There is also a trend in NZ to make sure “dangerous” dogs are on a leash, kept “under control” or muzzled in public spaces. I welcome this trend but think it should go further. Why allow a “dangerous” dog in a dog park at all. The dog park IS a public space where the public (and their dogs) should feel safe.</p>
Email-6	Marc Perales	<p>Make sore dog exercise areas not less or with moth restricted times! Please. There is barely anywhere left.</p>
Email-7	Mackina Pijacun	<p>I think a rego discount should apply fordogs that are microchipped. I believe dangerous dogs are that way from lack of care and training by the owners,heavy penalties should be applied.</p>
Email-8	Jerome Tito	<p>Silly idea of government owning everything.</p>
Email-9	Becky Saxton	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to have a say. I am happy with everything so far apart from the cost of dog registration. The only thing I would ask is please can we have some more lighting at the Pohe island dog park?</p>
Email-10	Odette Shaw	<p>Thank you for your email. I tried to use your website but not successfully. I still have my dog but I am limited on the number of places I can take my dog. I walk her on a long lead as she is a spaniel and takes off once she has a scent. We like the Town Basin walk but too many people there are letting their dogs run free and that worries me. We walk near the Hihiaua Trust building and in that big open space but people are letting their dogs run free. I would like to see a dog park for smaller dogs that is bigger than the current one. Also where I live there are roaming dogs and many barking dogs who do not get exercise so bark incessantly.</p>
Email-11	Anonymous	<p>Yeah go fuk yourself dog management bylaw bullshit fukn scam!!! Registrations is daylight robbery!! Way bigger things to worry about then fukn animals!!! People can't even afford most things yet take care of an animal that seems better off dead coz if no1 owned it it would be dead then there's no registration no bill no waste of fukn time bylaw shit...</p>
Email-12	Howard Tarr	<p>It costs \$45 to renew our drivers license for 10 years. Nearly \$100 per annum for a neutered male dog that never leaves our property and has never been trouble. Blame and Tax us for the bad people !!!!. We can hardly afford our only security in the country as it is, to stop the bad people robbing us. It has no common sense, principle or logic component at all. You encourage very very bad people and invent lawbreakers with this ludacris charge.</p>
Email-13	Helen McPhun	<p>I printed the document but it is so long I have not had time to read it. As long as the stray dogs are not allowed to be stray</p>

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		And the beaches have a clear sign re when dogs are allowed I am happy We are good doggy owners
Email-14	Nic Cope	Stop spending more money on consultancy and the like to justify the ludicrously high dog licence charges and just reduce the fee.
Email-15	Steve Hoban	Stop hating on dogs. We all know it's your plan to get rid of dog ownership entirely. Just let people live their lives.
Email-16	Christina Marsh	Thoughts? I would like dogs fee to become cheaper and one a year a free vet check
Email-17	Marcia White	Please see my below submission. I am a dog owner still currently. 1. Please restrict dog numbers to 2 per person especially if unneutered. 2. Reduction in fees for pensioners.
Email-18	Colleen Small	Recently council also asked for ideas of where to have dog parks. Nothing has come out of that. I was on the original dog park committee when it was set up. We asked for more dog parks then which was over 13 years ago. Council was looking into a second and third park at the time but it never eventuated, At the time there were 10,000 dogs registered now I understand there is around 13,000 dogs plus. My suggestions were 1. the fields at the top of cartwright road that back onto the Onerahi hockey field off alamein ave. These are leased to the Parahaki pony club. BUT all the years I have been going there I have only seen one or two horses grazing there or none at all. Yes they have pony club day once in blue moon. Why couldnt at least one of these paddocks be a dog park. There is plenty of parking on cartwright road or in the Onerahi sportsfields car park by the bowling club. It is regularly mowed, but such a waste of good space. 2. the small mound (hill) on Pohe Island right by the carpark. It fronts onto the marist/oldboys rugby field. Parking is not an issue due to the carpark besides it. It is a good big space to exercise dogs. Even big enough to make a small dog park attached to it. 3. Pah road reserve. [Addendum]: I would also like to add that council pay for a person to educate people on cats and also that person sets traps , desexes them and returns them to the community where they were found. Surely money from the dog registration could be put aside to pay once a week for free lessons from a dog trainer down at the dog park. Dogs need exercise OFF A LEASH this is half the problem why dogs are barking all day - they are bored - big dogs especially need to be free from a leash in a fenced off area to exercise properly. You would not get as many call outs to lonely dogs if there was an alternative way - perhaps council dog registration fee could go towards dogs being taken for outings on the doggy bus that is advertised by local people. These two buses take 60 dogs to a farm that the bus owners lease just for this cause. Please put this in my proposals for improvements for dogs.
Email-19	Carol Neeley	regarding - allowing dogs on a leash in the city centre. I strongly object to this change. Responsible dog owners pick up dog poop, but will they carry a bucket of soapy water with them to clean all the wee from planter boxes, posts, door fronts, meter posts etc. Once one dog starts the males will all follow suit. I pity the store keepers who will have to

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		put up with this as well as probably having the dogs come inside their stores. A definite no from me. Cant we have one area where dogs are not permitted.
Email-20	Alison Webb	<p>• Registration fee discounts for specified classes of dogs - This is a subject I have written to WDC Dog control on many occasions especially each year when there has been yet another increase in registration fee's!!! Having worked on the front desk at WDC, I have dealt, first hand with the dog registration payments and heard the distress and disbelief from those desperately trying to afford to do the right thing, myself included. Dog ownership brings happiness, responsibility, prevents loneliness, gives a sense of purpose and is known to aid positive mental health, therefore I believe it is so wrong to charge such an extortionate fee to people who do all the right and responsible things required of them to care for and give a good home to a dog. Some of us even rehome several dogs. With the fee's becoming so high it is not surprising some owners may have to sacrifice other things; good food, worm/flea treatments, vet care or their own GP fee, etc.</p> <p>Our region is the perfect place for dog ownership and surely our region would like to do all it can to support good Mental health!! Fear of being caught without a dog licence and all that that entails, means hard working, responsible owners, often have to give up other important payments in order to pay (on time) their dog licence(s). I propose WDC Dog control try to support and encourage responsible dog ownership by having a standard reasonable yearly fee of \$40 per dog of 'Specific class' which would be ANY dog owned by RESPONSIBLE owners who do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-sex the puppy/dog/bitch. • Register and microchip. • Update WDC if dog dies. • Comply with all dog ownership laws. <p>I believe this fee would be paid more willingly by all owners and therefore reduce the need for a lot of fines. This will mean the dog control staff can concentrate on the IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners in our region along with dangerous dogs!! Which we know is the reason our fee's keep increasing !!!!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where you can and can't take dogs - I think that well behaved dogs, on a leash owned by responsible dog owners and registered, microchipped and de-sexed should have access to everywhere. • Where dogs are allowed off leash - I think that dogs should be able to run off leash if they are totally under control by a responsible dog owner and not in an area where children or nervous adults feel vulnerable. Although I have been a dog owner of many dogs, of varying breeds and nature, since childhood, I can still sometimes feel uneasy when I encounter a dog off leash, especially of certain breeding and especially if they are not wearing a collar and the owner appears to be oblivious to the general publics concern. • Designated dog exercise areas (dog parks) - I think dog parks are an excellent idea, especially for dogs living around Town, they do need to have warning signs for users to keep their dogs under control and pick up dog faeces and obstacles to help keep dogs engaged. • Beach access rules during summer - My view is that well behaved dogs, on a leash owned by responsible dog owners, registered, microchipped and de-sexed should be allowed on most beaches during summer but I do think it is a good idea to not allow dogs on well populated beaches during certain peak hours of the day when families are there with small children (10am - 3pm). Dog faeces disposal bins should also be accessible with bags. . Families like to take their pet on holiday and many camp grounds and cafes now allow well behaved dogs, so it seems fair to allow them on the beach too.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules for picking up dog faeces - An absolute MUST in all places where the general public are likely to walk or children play. But providing more disposal bags and bins would be helpful in walking areas. • Requirements to neuter menacing and uncontrolled dogs - I believe that all dogs should be neutered unless specifically registered as a breeding dog, especially the males to lessen their urge to wander. There are FAR too many neglected and abandoned puppies/dogs, especially in Northland. The cost is too much for some owners so maybe WDC could select certain Vet practices to perform at a lesser rate for those unable to pay. Owning a dog should be available to every person who has the time and love to care for one. <p>I feel very passionately about this subject, especially as my own dogs rarely leave our property and certainly never go near town or the general public, they use no facilities provided by WDC (as many rural living dogs don't). We try to do all the right and responsible things dog ownership entails BUT paying a large (ever increasing) fee each year, per dog, is a real struggle and utterly unfair. The UK abolished their dog license back in 1987 so why can't NZ at least reduce the fee or abolish it too?!</p> <p>Thank you for reading my submission and I hope you will consider the points made. July fee's are looming!!</p> <p>[Addendum]: Whilst processing dog licences at WDC front desk, I witnessed distressed Pensioners who were struggling to pay their dog licence on their low income. Like so many, their dog was their best and only companion, a lifeline that gave them purpose. The dog licence fee is extortionate especially when Whangarei rate payers are also paying drastic increases in our rates, Pensioners on low income often struggle the most.</p> <p>Please reduce the dog licence fee to a sensible, sustainable amount so we can continue to give our dogs, their best life, without dreading the yearly invoice demand arriving in the letterbox!!</p> <p>And increase the fines for those that do not follow the rules of Dog Bylaws because it seems, as so often happens in life, those that do all the right things (but struggle financially) pay the price for those that do not follow the rules.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration you give to my submission.</p>
Email-21	Shona Donovan	<p>As a dog owner it seems WDC isn't dog friendly at all.</p> <p>No rubbish bins to put dog bags in. So most people just leave it where it lands.</p> <p>Round the loop. Water is available which is a plus. No bins or bags available to pick up after your dog. So it just sits. Where it's left.</p> <p>You guy kick WDTA off their grounds after 43 plus years. SHAME on you! 😞</p> <p>After they looked after the grounds, picked up after their dogs, educated others on dog sports, dog classes were well maintained for those who wanted to learn in a safe place Away from cars . Kids learning to look after their pets. Again WDC your a waste of space!!!</p> <p>Don't let dogs in town area, as it will attract the wrong owners with their dogs.</p> <p>Offer lest Rego for the ones that, have more than one dog.</p> <p>Just get your shit together would be a start!!!</p> <p>Oh I know look up WDTA and go watch a class or two!</p>
Email-22	Sandi Oxenham	<p>Hello</p> <p>I wish to object to your proposal to allow dogs into the CBD.</p> <p>I have owned a business in the CBD for 31 years so I was around when dogs were previously allowed in the mall. I can say it has been 100% better when dogs were banned from the CBD. It was very intimidating for elderly</p>

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		<p>people having large dogs in the mall. (and some people had 2 or 3 dogs with them). I would have a ban on dogs coming into my shop but some dog owners would not respect that and it would become a very tricky situation to manage. Unfortunately some dog owners aren't responsible and wouldn't pick up after their dogs either which is a hygiene issue especially with children in town. The CBD needs all the encourage it can have to have more people coming into town and allowing dogs into town will make it less attractive. So please do not allow dogs into the CBD.</p>
Email-23	Garry McDougall	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Whangarei District Council - Proposed new Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw / Policy</p> <p>We "strongly disagree with proposed policy/bylaw to totally prohibit dogs" on northern and other sections of Bland Bay Beach. This is an extreme measure.</p> <p>Your proposed by law is not aligned with the policy.</p> <p>→1.2 a – Could you list and describe the reported problems and damage caused by dogs AT BLAND Bay, over the past 2-4 years?</p> <p>Walking along Whangaruru Road with or without your dog is not as safe as you may believe. Vehicles are quite fast and some viewing the beach/scenery. Especially during the Christmas period a dangerous dog or 2 are present.</p> <p>We do agree with "Restrictions" during the Christmas period Dec 24 through to end of January. This is the busiest time of year in Bland Bay. The majority of people being in the camp ground, holiday baches and the newer prefab type accommodation. However people on the beach would be 20-30, its not a big number.</p> <p>Outside of this period, 10-11 months of the year, often my wife and I walk our toy poodle, we are the only ones on the beach. A crowd could be another couple or 1or 2 others. That's it.</p> <p>→→ "We do agree" with the total banning of Dangerous dogs Section 31 and Menacing dogs Section 33a. (During 2024 Christmas we witnessed 3 pitbull dogs on leash heading to beach which were out of control and potentially dangerous to all within eyesight. Even the dog owner waited while another dog left the beach before they proceeded onto the beach, then let them loose).</p> <p>→→→ Purpose 1.1 – protecting Wildlife, flora.</p> <p>If you believe off leash dogs are totally responsible for the destruction of wildlife on Bland Bay beach, then this is somewhat a fallacy.</p> <p>Examples I have witnessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quad bikes, (and Motor bike) racing along beach and sand burn outs upper part foreshore where birds nest and hide. Other vehicles also, not all are responsible drivers. At risk are our Dotterel and Oyster catcher. Baby 3-4 month Oyster catcher squashed. Not to mention campers and others using the beach. Council should consider to "prohibit these vehicle types".

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		<p>•• Cats – chewed heads off birds on my property and reserve land. Council should consider to mandate BELLS on collar.</p> <p>••• Horses on reserve land on beach front, damage existing tracks, flora and potentially nesting ground birds.</p> <p>•••• Stoats : some weeks ago I witnessed a stoat which came from the reserve (beach side).</p> <p>I called the Whangarei City Council and they informed me, DOC was the responsible party for trapping etc. Seems there's no local DOC office, anyway I finally got hold of DOC, left all my details and was told they would come back Monday or Tuesday. Nothing at all from them.</p> <p>••••• FOOD There seems to be a lack of foods for birds and fish life.</p> <p>Seagull and shag numbers reduced. Oyster catchers, I counted a total of 47 some 2 years ago, now just a few pairs.</p> <p>Often during the year you get zero bites fishing off the northern end of the beach. We see from time to time, commercial fishing boats trawling close to shore. They clean all the fish out and that certainly impacts the food chain,. Shell fish are also getting smaller, kina etc as you can see from what's left on the shore.</p> <p>Inshort :</p> <p>-Prohibiting dangerous and menacing dogs, to protect children, people and other pets, SHOULD be considered by council.</p> <p>-Normal and small dogs should be allowed on the beach and in Christmas holiday time, on a leash would have its merits. Council could consider this and monitor over the next 24 months. I believe this is reasonable and fair.</p> <p>Thank you, if you have any questions please contact me. We available at any time for further discussion.</p>
Email-25	Debra Platts	<p>Bream Bay - Northport Beach Map#3 From Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road – on leash , Why? Having dogs on-leash along this very hardly used beach makes more no sense. The only other users along this stretch is 4 wheel drivers heading to and from the pipi banks. Why dogs on-leash???</p> <p>Majority of the land next to the beach is fenced off around the Refinery. Surely wildlife would be on that land rather than the actual beach dodging the 4 wheel drives! I wholeheartedly disagree with your proposal.</p> <p>Marsden Bay/Blacksmiths Walkway Map #13 Dogs Prohibited - Surely you're not intending to prohibit the walking of dogs up to the fishing wharf as the end of the walkway???</p> <p>The map is not clear. The only people who use this path are dog walkers, cyclists and fishermen and I go up there almost daily, (frequently tidying up from the fishermen! And more recently calling the police on a man spraying graffiti on the Port Wall!) All the dogs are under control and the only wildlife adjacent to the path are rabbits, mice and possums! What is the reason for the proposal? The majority of people stick to the path to the wharf and back, you see the occasional person with or without a dog, going to the little</p>

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Email-26	Dawn Murphy	<p>Bream Bay - Northport Beach Map#3 From Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road – on leash , Why? Having dogs on-leash along this very hardly used beach makes more no sense. The only other users along this stretch is 4 wheel drivers heading to and from the pipi banks. Why dogs on-leash???</p> <p>Majority of the land next to the beach is fenced off around the Refinery. Surely wildlife would be on that land rather than the actual</p>

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Email-27	Glenice Lyon	<p>I have recently read in the Advocate there are a number of people upset about some of the proposed Dog Bylaws in Bream Bay. I had the opportunity of having a casual discussion with one of these people. I came away with the impression that they probably lacked a lot of understanding about the NZ Birdlife etc. They mentioned their dog chased seagulls.</p> <p>On one occasion when a seagull did not fly away it was probably unwell or not bothered by the dog.</p> <p>They also mentioned about the tide coming in and washing the dog poo out which I thought rather odd considering they catch & eat fish !</p> <p>They also couldn't understand why the birds didn't just nest in the sand dunes.</p> <p>Perhaps a meeting with these like minded people to educate them about our sea shore and bird life which probably makes up 70% of the native bird species of NZ.</p> <p>Humans are adaptable but birds aren't going to think ' I know I'll nest in the sand dunes '</p> <p>Good Luck.</p> <p>Whatever is decided about dogs on beaches etc please don't make the signs complicated.</p> <p>Something you can look at quickly before your dog goes racing off to chase the seagulls !</p>
Email-29	Amy King	<p>- Dog access rules / beaches</p> <p>That all current dog exercise / access areas are retained and consideration is given to increasing opportunities for dog exercise. Having easy access to open spaces to exercise dogs safely both on and off leash is critical to the wellbeing and welfare of all dogs. While I do realise that this raises challenges in terms of management of behaviour and faeces, I believe proactive owner education could be the key to minimising these incidents rather than restriction to specific areas.</p> <p>I do agree there are places where access needs to be limited (conservation areas, kiwi zones) I think these should be the exception rather than the rule.</p> <p>Under this proposal there is a significant DECREASE in the size of off leash exercise areas for dogs within the Whangārei District which is very disappointing and needs to be reconsidered. Specifically the rear half of Barge Park has been reclassified as on-leash only as well as half of the off leash dog area around Marsden Point / Mair Bank.</p>

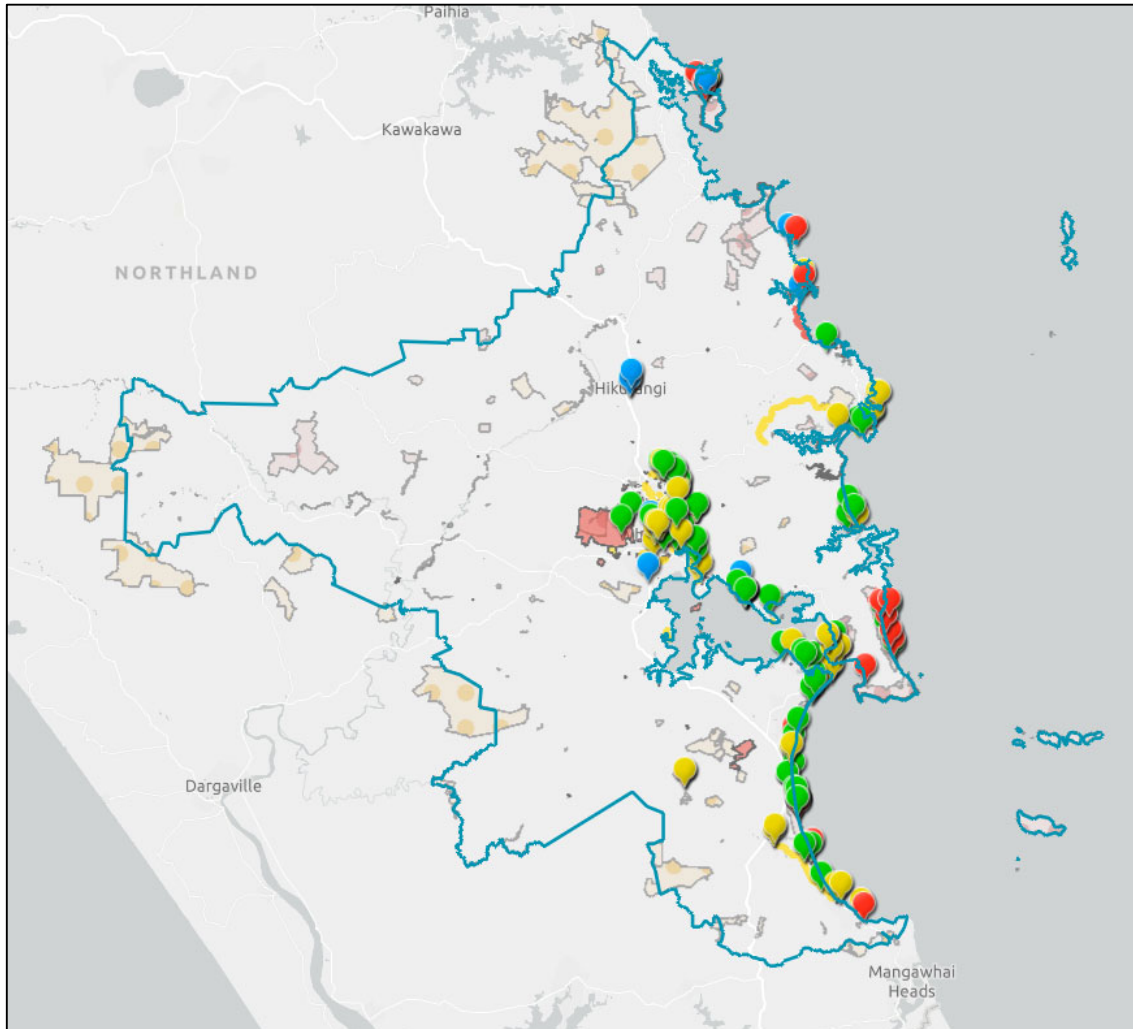
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		<p>- Education It is my view that there is not nearly enough proactive dog owner education happening across all areas. From what I could gather from reading through council documentation, this is currently the responsibility of the dog management contractors. Their report to council stated that this area has been impacted by covid and that they have delivered photocopied resources to some schools. I would like to suggest that although educating children on dog safety is admirable, it is actually far more important and will have more impact educating owners on responsible dog ownership. This could be done through a course (in person or online) requirement which is part of registering as a dog owner (a licence requirement to own a dog) where owners are educated on their basic responsibilities (keeping the animal contained on their property, picking up faeces at all times, having their dog trained and under control, respecting dog access rules in public spaces etc etc). I would also love to see more proactive management - seeing dog ambassadors in popular dog exercise areas handing out information / poo bags / advice. Dealing with things before they become a problem. WDC could work with local volunteer groups such as Whangārei Dog Training Association to provide education. 11.1 e) states that council will work to change attitudes and behaviours of irresponsible dog owners but does not state how this may be achieved - council needs to take a pro-active educational approach offering incentives for positive dog ownership before taking a punitive approach</p> <p>- Discounts on registration fees While I understand that fees are necessary to fund management of problem dogs, other councils have offered discounts to owners who have undertaken a certain level of training / education and proven that they're responsible owners. This would greatly benefit the community by providing financial motivation to upskill and gain knowledge in responsible ownership. This has not been taken into account in the current proposal at all. I would be interested to hear how many people raised it in the original feedback as it seems to be a popular viewpoint with most dog owners I have spoken to, and I know it is an approach that has been successful within other council districts.</p> <p>- Fee Collection It seems from the wording that some of the clarity of how dog registration fees are set by the council will be removed (percentages, breakdowns etc). I propose that this information should still be clearly communicated to the dog owning community as it is a point of discontent that council are requiring dog owners to pay this "fee" to subsidise animal management and there is often a perception that "good" owners are paying for services used by "bad" owners. Having the costs broken down and clearly communicated and explained is essential in maintaining a positive relationship between the council and the dog owning community</p> <p>- Neutering nuisance dogs There is no doubt that there is a sector of the dog owning community who will take no notice of the rules regardless of how strict they become. It is my view that dogs that are impounded for any reason, should not be released without being de-sexed. This will hopefully have an impact over time on this sector of the dog owning community as less dogs are able to be bred into these irresponsible homes.</p>

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		<p>- Definition of “uncontrolled” or “controlled” dogs I notice there is provision for council to require any uncontrolled dogs to be neutered also, however I searched through the document and could not find a definition of “uncontrolled” in any of your glossaries or terminology. I do think this needs to be clearly explained within your documents to avoid any ambiguity between enforcement officers and the public and to give the public clear expectations of what “control” looks like in a public space.</p> <p>- Health impacts of neutered dogs While all three of my dogs are neutered, and I strongly agree with neutering as an act of responsible dog ownership, I still felt it worth mentioning that there is emerging evidence regarding the appropriate age to desex a dog in order to preserve their wellbeing. I believe the council should seek advice from the New Zealand Veterinary Council as to the best evidence on the appropriate age as having “early” in the wording of section 12.1 d) may not be in the best interests of the animals long term health.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts as a multiple dog owner in this community.</p>
Email-33	David Lourie	<p>I wish to speak to this submission. I am making this submission as a volunteer assisting in the protection of endangered wildlife and surrounding coastal habitat. This is based on many years of observations and interactions with the public. Many of my friends are dog owners and I empathise with dogs as sentient beings. As population growth intensifies we need stronger management tools as protected species come under increasing pressure from the ways we as humans interact with the natural world we are a part of.</p> <p>6.1. The owner of any dog must ensure that their dog (including when confined in a vehicle or cage) does not enter or remain in any public place specified as prohibited in Schedule 1 or 2 of the Policy. I support retaining 6.1 and more emphasis on educating the public about this. South of Tip Road is a dog prohibition area yet numerous dogs are frequently brought here. Most dogs arrive in this dog prohibition area in vehicles. Those that have dogs as passengers in their vehicles do not seem to realise that even when the dog is in the vehicle it is still on the beach according to the bylaw. The rule is important because a large percentage of dog passengers are let out onto the prohibited area of the beach at some point of their travels. This may seem to be a minor matter but 99% of dogs in prohibited area south of Tip Road Uretiti arrive in vehicles. Perhaps if people understood that it is an offence for a dog to be in a vehicle in a prohibited area we may see fewer incursions.</p> <p>When speaking with people with dogs in vehicles in prohibited area south of Tip Road the usual response is ‘it is not on the beach, its in the vehicle’. When people come down to the beach for a few hours it is unlikely they would leave their dog in the vehicle, and if they did on a hot day it would be cruel, and in any case they would have to be let out to toilet at some point.</p> <p>Many people have no regard for the dog prohibition rules here. The signage at the Tip Road car park is inadequate and there are no signs on the beach. Without signs to notify the public of their obligations it makes enforcement appear to be brutal and unfair. Due to the pockets of aggression compounded by nod and a wink lawlessness and a culture of turning a blind eye to environmental destruction signs built to conventional standards have remarkably short life spans.</p> <p>The whole subject of appropriate signage needs to be addressed. Firstly Tip Road is a drive on beach access. People driving onto the beach generally don’t stop to read signs. Signs need to be of motorway scale so they can be read from moving vehicles. The messaging needs to be short and sharp. The signs must be able to withstand being rammed by powerful four wheel drives.</p>

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		<p>6.2. Clause 6.1 does not apply to any working dog (insert : with a functional need to be)accompanying and assisting a person or accompanying a person engaged in the dog’s training; or if the working dog is present in the prohibited area in accordance with its functions as provided for in section 2 of the Act.</p> <p>Working dog- kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or driving of stock under current text of this rule may accompany a person in a prohibited area with no functional need to be there. In rural coastal areas there are many such working dogs that are principally working dogs but have a secondary role as companion dog or on lifestyle blocks are working dog breeds that are principally house dogs that fraternize with the chooks and the goat and need exercising off the property. It is not uncommon for working dog breeds to be exercised from moving vehicles driving along the beach in dog prohibited areas. South of Tip Road is one such example.</p> <p>The suggested deletion in Clause 6.2 does not prevent disability assist dogs and the other catagories from carrying out their functional needs in a prohibited area yet it does prevent other working dogs from being in prohibited areas when there is no functional need to be there.</p> <p>I support any part included in the bylaw that acknowledges and reinforces provisions from the Dog Control Act 1996. As a volunteer working to protect wildlife and their habitats I would like to see emphasis placed on section 4 Objects:</p> <p>(iii) by imposing on the owners of dogs, obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not cause a nuisance to any person and do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any person; and</p> <p>Volunteers protecting wildlife in dog prohibited areas are occasionally rushed by uncontrolled dogs accompanied by irritable dog owners who disrespect the dog prohibited areas. There needs to be some process in the bylaw that keeps volunteers and the public safe from such actions.</p> <p>I request that dog Dog Control Officers identify note and record dog owners while advising them when dogs are brought into the dog prohibited area to discourage repeat offending.</p> <p>I request that the bylaw makes provisions to give effect to (1) The obligations imposed on dog owners by this Act require every owner of a dog—</p> <p>(e) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person, whether by persistent and loud barking or howling or by any other means:</p> <p>(f) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate, or otherwise cause distress to any person:</p> <p>(g) to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife:</p> <p>(iv) by imposing on owners of dogs obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.</p> <p>I would like to see particular emphasis on protecting wildlife in dog prohibition areas where the prohibition recognises the vulnerability wildlife in these areas. We are still seeing multiple dogs in dog prohibited area south of Tip Road in and adjoining the nesting areas of endangered shorebirds, and roosting areas of resident and migratory species. We are still seeing uncontrolled dogs wandering in the dunes and chasing shorebirds in the dog prohibited areas in Ruakaka and Waipu/Uretiti.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to participate,</p>

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Email-34	Will Monk	I would like to present an oral submission on 3rd July in clarification of my previous submission (at Whangarei public library.) Thank you.

Attachment 4 - Survey 123 pin submissions



Legend:

Pin colour	Preferred rule
Green	Off-leash dog access
Yellow	On-leash dog access
Red	Prohibited dog access
Blue	Other

The following table is an extract of submissions received through an online survey using an interactive GIS map displayed on Council's website. Submitters were invited to drop a colour-coded pin on a map of the proposed dog access rules to denote their preferred rule and add a comment. Submitters could repeat the survey to drop more than one pin. A total of 173 pins were submitted by the public.

Pin	Name	Location	Proposed rule	Submitter's preferred rule	Comment
Pin -8	Emma Harrison	Totara Parklands - Wairau Drive/Harrison Drive - large grass area north of shared path TYPE Park/Reserve – playground	Off-leash	Proposed rule	
Pin -9	Chris Darby	Whananaki - Rockell Bay - Whananaki North rocky outcrop to rocky outcrop. (Northernmost accessible beach from Whananaki north) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash	Prohibited	<p>I support the Dog Management Policy in most parts.</p> <p>I seek a more detailed understanding of wildlife values in the following areas and consideration of a change to Prohibited status, from 'on leash' and controlled, for all parts of Rockell Bay.</p> <p>I own 713 Rockell Rd, Whananaki (Lots 5 & 6). My property enjoys pedestrian and right of way access easements over Lots 1 & 2 that make up the land at the southern end of Rockell Bay (Rockell Shores).</p> <p>The subdivision consent (2008) for Rockell Shores specifically prohibits dogs. The reasons relate to the presence of Pāteke on the Rockell Shores ponds and land, and the presence of NZ Dotterel on the raised beach berm abutting Rockell Shores.</p> <p>Identifying a Controlled Dog Area - Permit at Rockell Bay south is at odds with all ecological advice which led to prohibiting dogs at the subdivision stage.</p> <p>I urge staff to undertake a site visit, sight the consents mentioned and make a change to Prohibited, for all of Rockell Bay.</p> <p>Ngā mihi Chris</p>
Pin -10	Chris Darby	Mangaiti Island	Default beach	Prohibited	<p>I support the proposed policy in general.</p> <p>I seek a change to specifically Prohibit dogs on Mangaiti Island, located 500m of Rockell Bay. Over the last 5 years the island has had rats eradicated by a volunteer group, resulting in the return of ground-nesting Muttonbirds and Little Blue Penguin. Dogs are being kayaked to the island by owners and disturbing nests.</p> <p>I seek a change to Prohibited for Mangaiti Island.</p>

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Pin -11	Jesse Card	Abbey Caves TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	Dog owners will almost certainly bring their dogs into the caves with the related waste-related issues as well as further degradation of the ecosystem. It's already bad enough that stock is still in this area and the forest isn't allowed to regenerate.
Pin -12	Jesse Card	Whangarei Central - Mair Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	This is essentially a part of the forest area as well as having the playground in this area. Only allow on-leash on the path just like across the Hatea. There's a dog park right there. This doesn't need dog access.
Pin -13	Jesse Card	Abbey Caves TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	People will take their dogs in the caves and they will degrade the ecosystem with waste.
Pin -14	Ria kemp	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	I'm a bit confused by all the red. Are you saying we can't park at Tip road car park and walk across with our dogs and go North to exercise them ? My dogs have good recall and I'm always happy to put them on a leash if we see another dog on a lead. Kind regards . I'm really happy with no dogs up the south end as it's a breeding and nesting spot for Voccs, WFT, NNZD and Fairy Tern
		Bream Bay J -From Tip Road southward to Waipu River mouth. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule - prohibited	
Pin -15	josef knatt	Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	It is bordered in the most part by a fence on one side and a river on the other. If a dog is well controlled it is safe and reasonable to share this space with others while the dog is off the leash. If were going to talk about prohibition then you need to turn your attention to the cyclists.
Pin -16	Felicia	Tikipunga Sports Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Sports park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	On-leash	Crossing from the parking lot to the off-leash area is difficult if dogs are not allowed there.

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Pin -17	Ruth Tuck	Not a WDC controlled public place	NA		I have walked my dog round to Motukiore for 40 years. Originally there were no doc. signs there & I initiated the re establishment of the public track and helped clear it many years ago. (I have the old communication with the council). I would like Motukiore to be returned to native and not graze sheep. There is absolutely no wildlife a dog could damage on the Motukiore track. At the very least one should be allowed to walk to the top of the pa with ones dog on a leash on the island. The track is almost impassable now, but I have been trying to clear it. I would also strongly advocate for all wandering, non registered or chipped dogs to be euthanised. The number of dog bites in our casualty department each week is totally unacceptable.
Pin -18	Jenny	Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	On the Dobbie and/or Ross track going up Parihaka. I would feel much safer as a woman walking on my own
Pin -19	TRACEY CLARK	All suburban streets and public parks	Mixed	On-leash	Hoping my pin has indicated all of Whangarei's suburban streets and public access Parks for all dogs to be on leash at all times.
Pin -20	Sandra Moorhead	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Would it be possible to make this off leash all year round with no restrictions on summer hours? It is not nearly as busy as Waipu cove and Langs Beach over summer and we live in Waipu Cove so we choose to walk here as it's much quieter. If we don't have this, we have to drive 30 minutes to Ruakaka to find an off leash area during the day over summer. There are already vehicles and horses using this beach, I can't see that allowing dogs as well will make that much difference to the ability of people to enjoy this amenity. Thanks!
Pin -21	annie newall	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Dogs require supervised off lead places to exercise for their mental health, places they can run free, meet other dogs to learn how to socialise just like humans. The Uretiti beach north of tip road, is a perfect open space that gives dog owners an area where their dogs can freely run, its not over populated by people. Bream Bay is a huge expansive beach there is plenty of room for humans and dogs for many kilometres therefore there should be areas allocated for dogs to exercise freely too.

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Pin -22	Pat Hunter	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	I have walked my dogs (now 1 dog) here for 20 years. Nowadays I have a young dog. I walk him on lead down to the beach from the car park and also from beach to car park on return. He runs/walk free most of the time. I put him on lead if there are bicycles, horses or cars on the beach - as a precaution. He does get to play with other dogs - we often meet the same people with their dogs. I carry with me poo bags and also treats for instant recall if I want him back by my side. I avoid areas where the birds are nesting. He is not allowed to chase birds. This is the only place in the whole of Bream Bay area that he can actually run free. Otherwise we walk on lead the whole time in the pine forest tracks or around the river walk in Waipu. It isn't practical to drive all the way into Whangarei to go to a dog park. Please do not take away this area for free walking and running for dogs. In all the years we have never had a dog cause a problem with other dogs, bikes, horses or beach users.
Pin -23	Jacqui	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Uretiti beach should be left as is, no need to ban dogs during the day, leave our beach as is for our dogs
Pin -24	Elizabeth	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Prohibited to the RHS of the beach entrance. Off-leash to the left. Prohibited side - close to fairy tern area. Provides non-dog side for those with little ones.
		Bream Bay J -From Tip Road southward to Waipu River mouth. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule - prohibited	Left side - off-leash - Dog owners can still take their dogs down for walks and a good run around.
Pin -25	Elizabeth	Waipu - Waihoihoi River Park TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Often other dogs and children around.
Pin -26	Elizabeth	Breton Drive (new subdivision reserve area) TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Often other dogs and children around.

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Pin -27	Jennifer Ross	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	I'm in favour of Dogs to remain off-leash 24/7 (year round) at Uretiti North of Tip Road. Bream Bay has plenty of other dog free beaches for holiday visitors to enjoy. For us local dog owners, by limiting the dog access to off leash outside of 9am -5pm you are limiting the local dog owning community access to our own beach in summer (in what feels like in favour of holiday makers). I never go to the beach (my local is Uretiti/ Tip Road) without my dog and this proposed by-law will really have a negative impact on how much we enjoy living in a coastal community as a dog owner. Please do not make this change.
Pin -28	Rica Dearman	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	There is no dog park in/around Waipu, so this is the only place in the area where I can have my dogs off the lead to run around and play with other dogs. I moved to the area a year ago especially so that I could have dogs and be able to take them to the beach for a run around off the lead. If the off-lead access on this beach is changed, please can the council provide a dog park asap so that we have somewhere to take our dogs?
Pin -29	Dan Welch	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Residents of Waipu and Langs Beach already must travel to Tip Road Uretiti to walk dogs off leash in the summer as Waipu Beach is dog prohibited. Eliminating Tip Road means Waipu residents must drive even further, and then cross a very busy SH1 at the Uretiti campground intersection that has already claimed lives. It is an unsafe right turn. Please do not prohibit dogs from Tip Road at any time. Thank you
Pin -30	Tim Dower	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	<p>It's vital we retain this one stretch of open space in the area where dogs can freely burn off their energy, and socialise with people and with other dogs. The proposal to impose summer restrictions will impact not only locals who use the beach day after day, but also visiting families who want to bring their dog to the beach for a day out. There are plenty of other places where people wanting to avoid dogs can go - simply turning right at the Tip Road access puts them into no-dog territory.</p> <p>This area is well used by a community of experienced dog owners. Incidents between dogs are extremely uncommon, and the beach is well known as a safe place where younger dogs can learn the rules from older animals. The vast majority of owners clean up after our pets...many take other rubbish with us too.</p>

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					The Council would serve this particular community better by pressuring police to see speed regulations on the beach are observed, and curbing the behaviour of some car and motorbike users.
Pin -31	Liz Welch	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Please do not change the current dog walking policy at Tip Rd, Uretiti. All of Waipu beach is closed to dog walkers in the summer months, and dog walkers in Waipu and Waipu Cove must already drive to Tip Road. If this is removed, dog walkers will have to drive to Uretiti Campground, and make a dangerous cross-traffic turn on SH1 - an intersection that has already claimed several lives. This is unsafe. Most all dogs at Tip Rd are not a problem, please focus on dangerous dog breeds and irresponsible owners, not friendly dogs with responsible owners. Thank you for your consideration.
Pin -33	Sally Burns	Tikipunga Shared Path (Ngunguru Road to Gillingham Road) TYPE Shared path	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	It's a great walkway for dogs and people with plenty of space for dogs to run.
Pin -35	Luke Heighway	Hikurangi Sports Park TYPE Sports park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	N/A	Council need to put up clear signage at entry points to the park, so people know what is permitted or not in this park (dogs, camping, motorbikes...). At the moment there is nothing at George Street and top of Park Street entrance. The only signage is by Rugby Club right at the bottom of Park Street.

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Pin -36	Grant	Anzac Park TYPE Park/Reserve	Off-leash	On-leash	<p>This is a local park i would not take my dog there as residents do not make any effort to put their dog on the lead when other dogs arrive at the park</p> <p>not all dogs can handle some strangers dog rushing at someone else's dog</p> <p>Main Point is THERE ARE NO SIGNS TO SAY THIS IS A OFF LEASH AREA</p> <p>I have lived in Australia and they have better ideas about off leash areas</p> <p>They should be FENCED in local parks to protect CHILDREN AND ADULTS and also for the wellbeing of the dogs</p> <p>for example small dogs and large dogs should not be mixed when i take my dog to day care on for a stay they dog handlers separate small and large dogs</p> <p>this is how things should work, as i am sure you the Council would not fit the bill for a dog attack and most owners would walk away and not respect others</p>
Pin -37	Grant	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	<p>This is a shopping and business area not a dog walking zone who will be policing this as city safe staff have no powers as i was told by one of your call centre staff</p> <p>what cost to us as rate payers have some to clean up dog business also dog urine</p> <p>On bank st recently there was dog faeces on the footpath by BNZ Bank</p> <p>Today at 10.30 am approx. a man walked his dog off leash from pack n save to the Cameron street area , there are also homeless people who take trolleys from the supermarkets and use them to wheel their dog around the CBD</p>
Pin -38	Sarah	Tikipunga Shared Path (Ngunguru Road to Gillingham Road) TYPE Shared path	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	<p>Firstly theres 2 'off leash' areas here following the river, but they arent connected. Should I leash my dog, walk 10 metres and unleash her again? Open up the off-leash area for the entire grassy area following the river behind the tikipunga sports ground, up to and over the little bridge. Dogs who like to swim in the river really enjoy this area. It's one of the only places you can actually take a dog for a proper walk off leash in all of Whangarei, other than beaches. Please keep it nice and big, the whole area following the river.</p>

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Pin -39	Carl Arnold	Bland Bay	prohibited	On-leash	<p>Bland Bay Proposal</p> <p>The south eastern area between Waitapu Rock and Parerangi Island is normally the least populated area and one where there are no dotterel or birds nesting. This is a more secluded area on Bland Bay to take your dog (on leash) and swim. I would like consideration being made to increase the dog area of Bland Bay to include up to Parerangi Island.</p> <p>Apart from the above, I agree with the proposal around Bland Bay with times and dog activity.</p>
Pin -40	Alex Douglas	Bland Bay	prohibited	On-leash	<p>The current proposal for dogs on lease walking extends for approx. 300m meters either side of the Ngatiwai campground, the most populated area of the beach. I propose the allowable area should be extended from the current proposal a further 500m to the south eastern end of the beach. This would allow a more effective distance for walking dogs and encourage a higher degree of separation between campers and dogs. I personally walk the southern 500m mention every weekend and can attest that, due to many years of erosion, there is virtually no bird nesting foreshore left that could be impacted by dogs on a leash. The small 10m of potential nesting is frequented by day tripper and boat launching vehicles.</p>
Pin -41	Jackie Liddle	Whananaki Recreation Reserve	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A	Why on this reserve are dogs banned?
Pin -42	Sylvia Lynn	Bland Bay/Whangaruru B - Bland Bay Beach - Access point at end of Whakaturia Avenue to Waitapu Rock TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash/prohibited during summer season rule times	Current rule – prohibited	<p>I don't agree with dogs allowed on this beach as there are a number of endangered NZ Dotterel's and endangered Oystercatcher's that nest along the whole foreshore of the beach. These birds are known to nest from August until March. I have noticed an increasing number of birds nesting in recent years.</p>

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Pin -43	David Price	Bland Bay/Whangaruru B - Bland Bay Beach - Access point at end of Whakaturia Avenue to Waitapu Rock TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash/prohibited during summer season rule times	Current rule - prohibited	<p>I like dogs very much however, Bland Bay beach is not the place for them, therefore, I am not in favour of dogs being allowed on the area of beach indicated or anywhere else on the beach at any time because:</p> <p>1 Dotterels (endangered) and Oystercatchers (endangered) nest in the sand dunes.</p> <p>2 The current dog bylaw is largely ignored, particularly over the summertime when there is an influx of visitors and campers to the beach.</p> <p>3 Leash or no leash, in my experience dog walkers on the beach do not pick up their dog poo and seem to think that it is up to the incoming tide to take care of this</p> <p>4 There is a very small permanent dog population and allowing dogs on the beach with or without leads seems to be a measure that would only benefit visitors/campers.</p> <p>5 dogs both leashed and unleashed have acted aggressively towards local residents walking on the beach, including my wife and I.</p> <p>In conclusion it would be much simpler to have a blanket rule for no dogs at any time.</p>
Pin -44	Pamela Stevens	Waimahanga Walkway: - Boswell's Track (main track) - Waverley Street Link - George Point Road Link TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	Waimahanga Track & Boswell Track. Many bikers and walkers and young children (daycare)use this track .Dogs need to be on lease all the time . Bike and dogs can be dangerous combination.
Pin -45	Logan Cairns	Riverside - Panorama Drive Reserve (upper) TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	With it enclosed on 3 sides, and the depth gives you so much time to manage your dog safely. It's because of this space I was able to work with my dog, from overly reactive rescue, do being up to interact with dogs and happily walking the loop. I am so thankful this park exists even for on-leash only
Pin -46	Logan Cairns	Whangarei Central - Mair Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	With many paths, and bushes, this area is amazing exploration for on-leash dogs, and a safe space to manage my dog who likes space while he's getting to know an area, with lots of training opportunities to interact with people. objects and dogs.
Pin -47	Logan Cairns	Abbey Caves TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	An awesome place to exercise and train dog with lots of chances for exploration, safe place to work with dogs, and shaded areas

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Pin -48	Logan Cairns	Bream Bay A - Beach at Northport at Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash	Current rule - off-leash	This is another great spot to be off-leash, there is such minimal interaction with public, as they're all at the main entrance/surf areas. This area is a perfect safe place to run a dog without distractions, very bizarre its set for on-leash only
Pin -49		Whau Valley Dam TYPE Water, Stormwater & Wastewater asset	Default prohibited (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	The Whau Valley Dam is a good place to be able to take a dog and let it swim. It is unlikely that they would swim right across the lake, and the area can be confined to the carpark area only.
Pin -50		Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	The walking tracks from the base of Parihaka to the top at Memorial Drive should allow dogs to be walked on leash with their owners.
Pin -51	CHristine den Hartogh	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	It is the only place in the entire area where dogs can go off leash.
Pin -52	rachael pedersen	William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	Dogs and bikes dont mix well, this should be a safe space to be on bikes without worrying about dogs (or dog poop)
Pin -53		City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	all CBD streets between town basin and vine street should be dogs on leash. I remember feeling relived when dogs were first banned from the Cameron street area as dogs make me very nervous and it was one less thing to get anxious about when going out. (Neurodiverse)
Pin -54	Lyd	Bream Bay A - Beach at Northport at Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash	Proposed rule	Nice spot, lots of space for both people and dogs.

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Pin -55	Dr Richard Davis	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	<p>This is the only significant piece of beach in Bream Bay where dogs are allowed off leash at all times. In 15 years of walking our dogs here we have never had a negative dog incident. To ban dogs during the day in summer is not the purpose of the Dog control Act and has no Logical reason. .</p> <p>The only danger on this beach to humans is foolish humans driving motorl vehicles at high speed, dropping wheelies and erratic direction changing.</p> <p>Humans who park at tip road and have a neurotic aversion to dogs can already walk south on the same beach where dogs are already banned.</p> <p>The ONLY un-picked up FAECES I have seen on this beach is HORSE FAECES.</p> <p>I have NEVER seen a dog attack a bird on this beach, but I have found three living seabirds with fishhooks in their guts and nylon trace coming out their mouths..fatal!</p> <p>While dogs can be a significant danger to kiwibirds these are not on uretiti.</p> <p>Fishermen, Cats, Rats possums Weasels and Stouts are FAR MORE SERIOUS SEABIRD PREDATORS and KILLERS!</p>
Pin -56	Lindy Davis	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	<p>Dogs need a reasonable stretch of beach to exercise and play. There are few accessible areas in Northland for dogs to run/swim without restrictions. This ultimately leads to frustration for both dog owners and dogs.</p> <p>The area north of Tip road is not a bird sanctuary. It's used by fishermen, cyclists, horse owners, dog walkers, motorbikes, trucks/cars.</p> <p>South of Tip Rd (a long stretch) is banned for dogs, so it's totally fair that dogs should be free to use the northern section of the beach at any time.</p> <p>I walk Uretiti regularly and not once had to remind a dog owner to pick up their dog faeces, unlike horse owners who don't stop when their horses dump.</p> <p>Your current policy states; a) recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access to these places is essential for dog welfare, to integrate them with other users of public places, providing opportunities that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both dog and owner.</p>

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Pin -57	Annette Fasher-Dow	Tutukaka Coast - Woolleys Bay TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Proposed rule	Woolleys Bay- our thoughts from living here with two small dogs. Dogs off leash except for rules governing summertime hours. However, more signage and messaging about keeping dogs from disturbing the bird life on the beach which includes resident tōrea, gulls, and tutiriwhatu (dotterels) that sadly do not establish because of constant disturbance by humans and dogs. Specific messaging about walking dogs as close to the tide as possible to avoid the high tide and dune areas is also recommended. As an aside, all vehicles should be prohibited from driving on Woolleys Bay except for directly in front of the Western Council Reserve for the express purpose of boat launching (at the owner's risk- lots of vehicles get stuck in the soft sand). Thank you.
Pin -58	Brenda Smith	Bream Bay D - Ruakaka Racecourse access point to end of accessible beach/foreshore at Ruakaka River TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule	These are areas where native and endangered birds nest. Dogs on leash in the area can still upset nesting birds.
Pin -59	Shyloh Wyatt	Otaika Sports Park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	Special access for Whangarei Dog Training Association	They do amazing work to improve the behavior of dogs through courses including canine behavior and agility. They are a place to turn to for support for dogs with behavior problems, and my dog has improved hugely since attending the club. So many dogs have been helped through this club and they don't have the funds to move from their current clubhouse.
Pin -60		Pataua North - all beach and foreshore areas TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Beach off-leash at all times	This is a great place to run dogs, not many people and lots of ball throwing.
Pin -62	Jan Smith	Hatea Loop Shared Path TYPE Shared path	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	Hatea loop walk .I support dogs being on a leash . It is lovely to see people out at cafes , walking and enjoying the town basin .The last time I walked there were 5 loose dogs in the time I walked , fortunately I was dog free that time Every time over the last 6 months there are at least 3 unleashed dogs ,I was walking 3 to 4 times a week , some are at heel but I have also seen a group of 3 walkers with their dogs of leash ..that's a pack..My dog has been ' gone at ' three times now all whilst on her leash . .The Hatea loop is a credit to Whangarei and enjoyed by many but dogs should be leashed and this is obviously being ignored .Its an incident awaiting. I am not

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					walking there any more with my dog currently . Overall the proposed plan is great , awesome to have dog parks that provide an area for owners and dogs .
Pin -63	Jan smith	Totara Parklands - Wairau Drive/Harrison Drive - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	Totara parklands .Dogs on leash . This is a very nice place to walk , preferably dogs on leash or perhaps a dog park .. Dogs of leash can move very fast to get a dog on leash , plus there are stock over the stream ..I would support dogs on leash at all times.
Pin -64	Nick	One Tree Point - Blacksmith's Creek Walkway - open grass area from beginning of walkway eastward to second bridge TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Off-leash	On-leash	I don't think dogs should be running free in an area where there are boats launching and shops as well as being so close to a prohibited area.
Pin -65	Nick	Bream Bay B - From Mair Road beach access southward to beach access gate at carpark at intersection of Te Kamo St and Ruakanohi St TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Prohibited	As there is a CONTROLLED DOG AREA – NO ACCESS right next to this off-leash area, I think dogs should be prohibited from this area entirely.
Pin -66	Karen van Beek	Bream Bay H -From boardwalk beach access point between 117 and 119 Bream Bay Dr southward to pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Proposed rule	Great to have a designated area for dogs to be off leash as an alternative to the proposed near by prohibited area-great compromise

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Pin -67	Karen van Beek	Bream Bay J -From Tip Road southward to Waipu River mouth. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule	Agree fully with dogs permanently prohibited from this stretch of the beach up to and including the waipu rivermouth and further south down to waipu cove. Ensures the safety of recreational visitors to the area so adults and children can freely use the beach without dogs interfering and rushing at them when poorly controlled as is the case now. This new prohibition will need to be adequately sign posted and enforced
Pin -68	Karen van Beek	Waipu - From accessible beach/foreshore area at Waipu River mouth southward to access track at northern end of campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule	Dogs to be prohibited due to the sensitive breeding area and native bird population which is under threat. Needs to be signposted and enforced
Pin -69	Karen van Beek	Waipu - From accessible beach/foreshore area at Waipu River mouth southward to access track at northern end of campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule	Dogs should be prohibited from this area too. Often visitors access the main beach from this point entering the wildlife sanctuary. Birds are known to nest in this area. Signage is regularly destroyed here and along the beach. Dog rules need to be enforced. This area is also popular with the public who do not want to be bothered by nuisance dogs.
Pin -70	Rosalie Ross	Tikipunga Sports Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Sports park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	I have a rescue mini schnauzer ...she refuses to be walked on a lead but will follow obediently From the carpark around the perimeter of the football fields down to the river, I would like to see off leash allowed. If the carpark is finished of Kiripaka (the end of Boundary Rd) it would help in avoiding the top carpark area
Pin -71	Adelle Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	I would like to submit the option that people with Community Services Card or Gold Card be allowed to direct debit over the year to the price of the year before so it is not so hard to register their dogs, this would allow people to budget a bit better and allow them to pay just the increase. The reason for this is dogs can be useful for mental health and a large lump sum payment could be difficult on budgets.

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Pin -72	Nick Kelly	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	This section of Urititi Beach is one of the few accessible open spaces where I can exercise my dogs. My work requires frequent travel, and I do not have the privilege of a fenced yard. For many years, visiting Urititi with my dogs has been a cherished recreational activity, providing crucial physical and mental health benefits for both myself and my pets.
Pin -73	Craig Allan Metcalf	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Uretiti Beach north of the beach entrance from Tip Road is the only nearby area where dogs can currently walk off leash all year round. This area is used by a large number of local residents (rate payers) to exercise their dogs on a daily basis. If people want dog free beaches over the summer period they could use the expanses of nearby beaches at Langs Beach, Waipu Cove, Ruakaka or even the south end of Uretiti beach which is a dog free zone year round.
Pin -74	Martin North	Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	More space needed for dogs, by confining them to the main swimming area cause conflict
Pin -75	Roberta Jones	One Tree Point Foreshore area (Marsden Yacht Club to Pyle Road) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Current rule - Off-leash	Support current ""dog of Leash"" status. It is working well.
Pin -76	Pat Hadlee	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	I have walked my dog along Uretiti Beach in the off leash area for over 10 years and there has not been one single problem. It is a wonderful area for dog/ horse exercise and training. There are very few birds in this area but my dog has been trained to leave birds alone. I am strongly in favour of keeping this area as it is. The Southern end of Uretiti Beach can remain clear of dogs. I can see no reason why dogs should be restricted over the Christmas period.
		Bream Bay J -From Tip Road southward to Waipu River mouth. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule	
Pin -77	Craig & Ilsa Alison.	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	For fifty years from Dump Rd to the Golf course my wife & I have been Kontiki fishing, collecting shellfish, having bbq's, driving & walking our dogs along Uretiti beach. We use this part of Bream bay beach all year round, probably more than anyone else. As responsible beach users we also respect others using this space and behave accordingly.

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Pin -78	Grant Murray	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	From Tip Rd north - it's the best access to safe beach dog walking for all Waipu residents. Highly popular location currently and prevents unnecessary car movements to Uretiti from the village.
Pin -79	Louise Bell	Marsden Bay - Beach northwest of channel and beach and foreshore from channel southeastward to groyne TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	Live in One Tree Point area and there are no safe places to run our dog due to building. We have no dog parks or green space. I'd like to take them to local beaches. Can you also provide dog waste bins
Pin -80	Shannon Douglas	Carruth Park	on-leash	Proposed rule	This is Carruth park on Maunu Rd. It has been omitted from the policy. This should be a dog on-leash park as it is right on a busy main road.
Pin -81	Rangimarie Harding	Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	I have submitted many complaints over the past year with regards to the high number of owners that refuse to use a leash when walking dogs on these tracks, therefore they should be removed entirely.
Pin -82	Rangimarie Harding	Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	Tracks are way too narrow and not safe for walkers and runners when you have to share the tracks with dogs. Many complaints made to you regarding owners who refuse to leash dogs on this track, therefore they should be removed altogether.

Pin	Name	Location	Proposed rule	Submitter's preferred rule	Comment
Pin -83	Ruzich Ruzich	Bland Bay/Whangaruru B - Bland Bay Beach - Access point at end of Whakaturia Avenue to Waitapu Rock TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash/prohibited during summer season rule times	On-leash	SO CONTROL IS INSURED
Pin -84		Coronation Scenic Reserve TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	N/A	The council is not God. People should be able to take their dogs, who are members of their family anywhere they please.
Pin -85		Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	N/A	The council has no right, they are not God.
Pin -86		Pukenui Forest including Western Hills TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	Off-leash	Nobody has the right to tell other people where they can and can't take their dogs.
Pin -87		Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	I will still take my dog here regardless.
Pin -88		Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin -89		Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A	N/A	

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Pin -90		Bream Bay F - Ruakaka River from one-way bridge on Ruakaka Beach Road northward along the foreshore around campground to northern pedestrian access point at Ruakaka Beach Reserve TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin -91		Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	
Pin -92		Coronation Scenic Reserve TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin -93		Abbey Caves TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	
Pin -94		Waipu - From accessible beach/foreshore area at Waipu River mouth southward to access track at northern end of campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin -95		Bream Bay B - From Mair Road beach access southward to beach access gate at carpark at intersection of Te Kamo St and	Off-leash	Proposed rule	

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		Ruakanohi St TYPE Beach/Foreshore			
Pin -96		Bream Bay D - Ruakaka Racecourse access point to end of accessible beach/foreshore at Ruakaka River TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin -97		Beach and foreshore along Tamaterau Coastal Walkway (Tamaterau Reserve to Scott Road) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	On-leash	
Pin -98		William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on- leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	
Pin -99		Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	
Pin - 100		AH Reed Park - -McKinnon Track -Canopy Walk -Alexander Track - excluding Hatea River Walkway -Elizabeth Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	
Pin - 101		Waipu Caves - WDC reserve and walkway TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on- leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	

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Pin - 102		Waipu - From accessible beach/foreshore area at Waipu River mouth southward to access track at northern end of campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	
Pin - 103	Jan Sime	Stuart Road (Road Reserve at approx 5 Stuart Road) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Beach off-leash at all times	Because I want to know.
Pin - 104	Cathy Arnold	Bland Bay	Prohibited	On-leash	This end of the beach is the least unpopulated area of the beach where dogs can swim and walk without having to worry about Dotterels and beach users. I would be happy to adhere to timed beach access also - so before 10am and after 5pm .
Pin - 105	Peter Conor	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A		There is a track from the end of Bream Bay Drive where you can currently take your dog on a leash to access the beach. The proposed plan seems to have made this a prohibited walkway for dogs even on a leash. This should remain a dog on leash beach access way.
Pin - 106	Peter John Connor	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A		There is a boardwalk here to access the beach. This should remain a dog on leash access way.
Pin - 107	Allinda Hardwick	Hikurangi - King Street (Playground TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	N/A		Dogs are allowed on leash but are prohibited... there needs to be clarification at entrances to this green space, as to what the rules are – clear signs. Hikurangi has a high level of dog ownership and access to green spaces needs to be retained for the well-being of the animals and their owners.
Pin - 108	Luke Heighway	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A		This is beside a school – is it really the best place for an off-leash dog area? How is this area even accessed?
Pin - 109	Rusty	William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Little to no human or dog traffic. Well defined paths and fields for running Good parking in dog park car park

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Pin - 110		Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	Lovely beach,lot's of room for obedient and well behaved dogs
Pin - 111	Pamela Tindall	Langs Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	On-leash	There are breeding dotterel and fairy tern using Langs Beach. Dogs are on the beach and off leads disturbing these vulnerable birds. If we as a society wish to keep these birds then dogs need to be on a leash when they are not in a prohibited window.
Pin - 112	Pamela Tindall	Waipu - Waipu Cove Beach from access track at northern end of campground to southern end of beach. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	On-leash	
Pin - 113	Vaughan Luff	Langs Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Prohibited	Endangered Native birds
Pin - 114	Ann Heatley	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	<p>Unless a guide dog is needed, council has an obligation to keep the city centre safe for residents and visitors of all ages.</p> <p>I am now in my 70's and have recently had several threatening events while in the Strand Arcade. Owners, especially with more than one dog walking in public shopping area and taking their dogs into the shops makes for a very compromising situation, i have had first hand experience.</p> <p>The city has been dog free for some years and there are so many public spaces available for them currently.</p> <p>On one occasion recently a dog pooped in the Strand and the owner did not clean up. This is not acceptable and dogs are not the issue but the behaviour of the owner.</p> <p>Small children should also feel safe, walking with adults or in pushchairs.</p> <p>Please consider the current ageing population and allow them to go about their day confident they will feel safe in the city centre.</p>

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Pin - 115	L Carney	One Tree Point - foreshore from Marsden Yacht Club southeastward to carpark area and foreshore access opposite 189 One Tree Point Road TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	On-leash	One Tree Point Beach is such an excellent spot for young children. It is calm, and at low tide provides the perfect opportunity for them to run around. I've had 3 experiences in the past 12 months of dogs off leash on this beach approaching and jumping at my toddler. I feel that dogs off leash should be limited to non-peak times throughout winter, but I believe they should remain on leads during peak summer times so as to provide a safe place for people to enjoy the beach. I find it hard to understand why preference would be given to dogs over the safety of people, especially children.
Pin - 116	Will Fox	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule	Whangarei centre needs all the foot traffic it can get. Compared to the basin at weekends the centre is dead
Pin - 117	Abita	Pataua North - all beach and foreshore areas TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Off-leash	I love that generally out Pataua, people walk their dogs on leash then when we get to the beach they have some space to have a run.
Pin - 118	David P David Palmer	Tikipunga Sports Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Sports park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Responsible dog owners are always walking their dogs off leash around the periphery of this sports park, and to force them into only two small areas, particularly, during heavy use times, such as, Saturday games or training nights, will force these users into these off leash spaces and will have an concentration of dogs, whereas, currently they are spread out over the perimeter, where you can walk you dog and avoid other dogs off leash.
Pin - 119	David P David Palmer	William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Responsible dog owners are always walking their dogs off leash around the periphery of Pohe Island while walking to and from the fenced off dog interaction zones. They park at Bascule Carpark and walk their dogs on-leash until they get to the huge grass area on both sides of Dave Culham Drive and the dogs enjoy the freedom of running and sniffing out the unmown edge of the park adjacent to the mangroves, without interfering with the birdlife.
Pin - 120	David P David Palmer	Morningside (Playground) (Rawhiti Street Reserve) TYPE Sports Park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Responsible dog owners are using this park off-leash when there are no games in progress, and this should be applied to all sports parks when not being used for sporting events.

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Pin - 121	Wend Satch	Tikipunga Sports Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Sports park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash in vicinity (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Dog should be allowed off leash on all except marked spots park. It would be a shame if we had to keep stopping to go back on lead for short distances. There are so few safe places to do this in Whangarei as it's either too close to the road or dogs can get lost. Please give us small dog owners fun safe spots to walk off lead.
Pin - 122	A Connolly	Bream Bay A - Beach at Northport at Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road TYPE Beach/Foreshore	On-leash	Off-leash	Big wide expanse of space to run and swim off leash
Pin - 123	A Connolly	Bream Bay B - From Mair Road beach access southward to beach access gate at carpark at intersection of Te Kamo St and Ruakanohi St TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Proposed rule	Very little people traffic off peak times Good visibly to put dogs on leash when insight of people
Pin - 124	A Connolly	Tikipunga Shared Path (Ngunguru Road to Gillingham Road) TYPE Shared path	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Good visibility when in sight of walking traffic Along all of Totara Parklands walkway To put dogs on leash
Pin - 125	A Connolly	Marsden Bay - Beach and foreshore area including wetlands from the groyne at Marsden Bay Beach eastward to Northport and southward to Papich Road TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	Good safe swimming to teach dogs how to swim in safe harbour To cool of after a walk On leash along narrow walkway back
Pin - 126	A Connolly	Marsden Bay - Beach northwest of channel and beach and foreshore from channel southeastward to groyne TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	Safe swimming to rehab old or injured dogs in little bay Good visibly to leash dog when seeing people
Pin - 127	A Connolly	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Prohibited	City centre should be dog free NOT everyone likes dogs Also cleaning up after your dog on concrete?

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Pin - 128	Rusty	Waimahanga Walkway: - Boswell's Track (main track) -Waverley Street Link - George Point Road Link TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	Lovely harbour walkway with interspersed parks especially afternoon in winter when sunny and not busy
Pin - 129	Rusty	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A	Off-leash	No traffic.contained pathways.dogs love to run free range
Pin - 130	Helen Thompson	Whangaruru Harbour - Sandy Bay Beach (Between Tuparehuia Bay and Teparapara Bay) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Current rule - prohibited	Dog owners consistently let their dogs off leash, especially so when there are lesser numbers of people around. They will then sometimes leash their dog as they approach people. I have personally seen two occasions where dog have faced up to little children only to be dragged away by their owner. Also, numerous occasions where people let their dog loose on the beach and the dog runs through the sandhills. A flat rule of NO DOGS is the only sure way to succeed on protecting the birdlife and children. I have ten grandchildren - three of whom are very scared of dogs and are reluctant to go on the beach unless they get an absolute assurance that there are no dogs around
Pin - 131	Katrina Kendall	Marsden Bay - Beach northwest of channel and beach and foreshore from channel southeastward to groyne TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	This area is a great area for families to catch up. There are very few areas where families who have dogs are able to get together with their dogs. This isn't a great swimming beach and so most people who are there are either there at the playground, or their with their dogs. Banning dogs would take away a lot of the use of the area. We live locally and are there at least 3 times a week with our dog and toddlers. Daytime restrictions during summer would be fine, especially as it is way too hot for the dogs then anyway.
Pin - 132	Katrina Kendall	Bream Bay B - From Mair Road beach access southward to beach access gate at carpark at intersection of Te Kamo St and Ruakanohi St TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Current rule - off-leash	I would like this to remain as it is. We use this area proabbly 3-4 times a week to exercise our dog.

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Pin - 133	Catherine Savill	Whangarei Central - Mair Park - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve - playground	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	It would be helpful if you put the names of the areas this is. the dog should be allowed to go to most places on a leash because they are part of a family but the problem is with people not picking up the poo. Educate people on how to pick up poo.
Pin - 134	Catherine Savill	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	It would be helpful if you put the names of the areas this is. the dog should be allowed to go to most places on a leash because they are part of a family but the problem is with people not picking up the poo. Educate people on how to pick up poo.
Pin - 135	Melissa McMahon	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	This area to the north of tip road is an excellent off leash dog exercise area. We are residents nearby, and I walk my dogs here every week. The signage indicating the entire beach and dune area south of tip road as a no dog zone needs to be replaced! There used to be very clear signage here, and people followed the rules, now the signage is either non existent or hard to see/understand. It is not appropriate to relocate the off leash area closer to a busy campground. This beach is not patrolled by life guards, I don't think encouraging this area as a family swim space is logical, as there are patrolled beaches in Waipu and Mangawhai. It would be a real shame to lose our closest dedicated off leash beach over summer.
		Bream Bay H -From boardwalk beach access point between 117 and 119 Bream Bay Dr southward to pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	On-leash	
Pin - 136	Antonia	Munro Beach (at approx 103 Nook Road) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Prohibited	Munro Bay seems to be a hotspot for off leash dog owners. Our children are avoiding the beautiful safe beach and it's cutting the Nook off as a safe place for the kiwi we hear at night.
Pin - 137	Eilish Getty	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	It might encourage people and families to stay in town and shop more or stop in for a bite to eat after walking their dog at the Loop or surrounding area. Could bring more life to the city centre.
Pin - 138	Liz Welch	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Please do not change the current situation. Tip Road Uretiti Beach is the nearest year round dog walking for all people in Waipu. Please do not punish responsible dog owners. We would have to drive to Uretititi campground and make the very dangerous right hand turn across heavy traffic. There are already two large areas of bird sanctuary north and south of Waipu river mouth. All Waipu beach is already off limits in summer months.
Pin - 139	Shane Knowler	Ngunguru - Whangaumu lookout Walkway TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	It doesn't make much sense for this short distance of walkway between two off-leash areas to be on-leash. Pretty sure there are no endangered birds or other reasons for this to be on-leash.

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Pin - 140	Shane Knowler	Tutukaka Coast	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Off-leash	This short distance from the road to the beach is a wide and established walkway between residential areas. There is no reason why it should be on-leash and would be safe for this to be an off-leash area.
Pin - 141	Hadden Morrison	Bream Head A - Urquharts Bay foreshore from beginning to end of Urquharts Bay Road (Smugglers Bay carpark) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Prohibited	native flora fauna
Pin - 142	Hadden Morrison	Mt Aubrey - Beach and foreshore from end of Reotahi Road southward and eastward to the western end (but not including) little Munro Bay TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Prohibited	Native flora and fauna, high density of children, 3 kiwi killed in the past year by a dog
Pin - 143	Craig Neilson	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	I'm really pleased to see the proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the city-centre. I don't think it will result in "lots" of dogs going there, because there isn't much there which is particularly dog-friendly. However it will mean that people can move between the waterfront and the city-centre without the friction of needing to find somewhere else to put their dog. For residents of Avenues or the city-centre, it means they can walk with a dog more directly than needing to go around the outskirts of the CBD area or driving to the Town Basin.
Pin - 144	Beatriz Vajda	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Dogs are part of people's lives. If we want to see more people enjoying CBD and our hospitality (e.g. cafés and restaurants), dogs should be allowed on-leash. It's also a draw card for more people to consider living centrally and making town more lively.
Pin - 145		Whananaki North - foreshore area between boatramps TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	On-leash	Nesting birds on the island and rocks. Many families with young children play in the rock pools at low tide.
Pin - 146	Dacey from Marsden Cove	Ruakaka - Riverside Reserve TYPE Park/Reserve	Off-leash	Proposed rule - off-leash	Families and nature cohabiting. The bird nesting area is 100's of meters away and dogs should be able to enjoy cashing a stick on the beach and or having a swim with their families. Just to note there are many rats in the area, that propose a real threat to any bird nesting in the area.

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Pin - 147	Anthony (Tony) Minett	Whangarei Heads	Summer beach rule	On-leash	Unleashed dogs are unsafe.
Pin - 148	Anthony Minett	Tutukaka Coast	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	On-leash	There are some rare species of birds here as well as a small number of seals.
Pin - 149	Angus McCulloch	Waipu - Waipu Cove Beach from access track at northern end of campground to southern end of beach. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	On-leash	For dogs that chase shore birds. A dog chasing shore birds indicates it is not under effective and continuous control and the owner is committing an offense by not having them on a leash.
Pin - 150	Stephen Brown	Whananaki Sandspit TYPE Beach Park/Reserve	Prohibited	Proposed rule - prohibited	The sandspit at Whananaki used to be, and should be a prime nesting place for a diverse range of shorebirds, including At Risk and Threatened species. There are notices up at Whananaki South Beach and other places nearby saying dogs are prohibited on the sandspit area and foreshore...but noone takes any notice. I often encounter people walking their dogs off-leash there. The shorebirds don't stand a chance with dogs charging up into the dunes- so the only birds I see there are a few tough variable oystercatchers and some gulls. There needs to be some enforcement and education efforts to try to stop people walking their dogs off leash there. Ideally dogs should be prohibited on the sandspit.
		Whananaki Sandspit foreshore TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule – prohibited	
Pin - 151	Rose Murphy	Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	Dogs and walkers would appreciate being able to walk a wider variety of tracks, including those up Parihaka
Pin - 152	Rose Murphy	William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - All areas not listed elsewhere TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Families using the bike tracks could also bring their dogs for an on-leash walk at the same time
Pin - 153	Rose Murphy	Whangarei Central - Cafler Park TYPE Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Dogs and walkers should be permitted to walk through the Rose Gardens and surrounding park. There is no reason why not and it provides access to many homes, paths and through to the markets etc.

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Pin - 154	Elly givney	Beach and foreshore along Tamaterau Coastal Walkway (Tamaterau Reserve to Scott Road) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Unpopulated beach Majority of the neighborhood own dogs Great place to exercise and walk your dog
Pin - 155	Mark Fenwick	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A	Prohibited	This area is used for grazing by the Whangaroa-Ngaiotonga Trust farm operation. Dogs may be required for stock management but should otherwise be prohibited, for the stock's sake and because it is adjacent to a Kiwi zone.
Pin - 156	Mark Fenwick	Not a WDC controlled public place	N/A	Prohibited	This is part of a kiwi zone. I own a property in this area and we hear kiwi regularly.
Pin - 157	Sue Marris	Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	The loop walk around the bottom of Mount Aubrey following the walking trail past Reotahi around to the wharf allows for those responsible dog owners to take their dogs and themselves for a a varied longer walk that is mostly off road and following the bush line. It allows for more variety of walks for people who live in the area without having to get in a car to go for a walk.
Pin - 158	Sue Marris	Waikaraka Beach Road foreshore area TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	Proposed rule - off-leash	This area is quiet without through traffic perfect for controlled offleash.
Pin - 159	Sue Marris	Pataua North - all beach and foreshore areas TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	On-leash	Dogs on Leash at Pataua North and South again so it is consistent from one side to the other. Allowing responsible dog owners to go for a decent walk from the north/ south over the bridge and around to the beach or along the beach and back plus there is good public toilets and mobility access to allow the whole family to enjoy the estuary and beach.
		Pataua North - reserve accessed at Aubrey and Te Whangai Head Road TYPE Beach Park/Reserve	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	On-leash	
		Pataua South - main coastal beaches (excluding estuary beaches) TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	On-leash	
		Pataua South at bridge/toilets - grass area from footbridge eastward to end of accessible grass area TYPE Beach Park/Reserve	Reserve Time and Season on/off-leash	On-leash	

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		Pataua South at bridge/toilets - all foreshore TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	On-leash	
Pin - 160	Lloyd and Colleen Morris	Ngunguru Estuary - Village side - foreshore area from opposite public toilets to opposite shops TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Off-leash	On-leash	See submission
Pin - 161	Dan Welch	Bream Bay I -Pedestrian access point at Uretiti campground to Tip Road. TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	Please do not close year-round off leash access at Tip road uretiti as it is the only dog friendly beach in the waipu area, with Waipu Cove and Lang's beach already banning dogs during the summer months. This would force residents to drive to Ruakaka on state highway 1, which adds many kilometers and burns additional fossils fuel. Thank you
Pin - 162		Mt Aubrey - Beach and foreshore from end of Reotahi Road southward and eastward to the western end (but not including) little Munro Bay TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	On-leash	Public walking track without wildlife in the area in close proximity and houses are fenced off. Extremely limited options otherwise to walk our dog in the local area without having to drive there first.
Pin - 163		Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	Public walking track with good fencing to properties and no immediate wildlife in close proximity. A safe and convenient track for controlled dog walking.
Pin - 164		Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	A very remote and not often visited long stretch of open beach. The dunes are a good distance back from the beach so you could just disallow any dogs from going near that area for birds nesting and stay on the beach only
Pin - 165		Pataua North - all beach and foreshore areas TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Summer beach rule (Sch. 2 not listed)	Off-leash	A wide open beach with little foot traffic especially off season Pataua North has hardly anyone there. Perfect for dog exercise with properties well fenced and no immediate wildlife
Pin - 166		Tutukaka Lighthouse Walk - Kukutauwhao Island TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	A good track with limited people on it, good for leashed controlled exercise little options otherwise for locals without driving to give dogs adequate exercise.

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Pin - 167		Unlisted beach- Summer beach rule	Summer beach rule	Beach off-leash at all times	A quiet beach off season without immediate wildlife threat for off leash exercise. There are limited options in this area for locals to allow their dogs to run and exercise and this beach is ideal for that.
Pin - 168	Judy Imeson	Whangaumu - Lawson Drive bushwalk TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Other	Dogs on leash during the summer holidays would work for me and most people are responsible owners who love their dogs and just want to exercise and socialise them. I think off leash would work in the shoulder and off seasons, but having the leash on hand if restraint is needed at any time
Pin - 169	M G	City Centre - including Town Basin TYPE Other	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	I would like to support local businesses in the CBD area but, due to working full time I usually have our dog with me when I have time to go shopping. As a result, I have to choose to shop elsewhere.
Pin - 170		Tutukaka Lighthouse Walk - Kukutauwhao Island TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	This is a notable viewing spot out to the Poor Knights and should not exclude responsible dog owners out walking their animal/s.
Pin - 171		Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Off-leash	This is a big, wide open beach. Dogs are interested in the sand and water rather than a few birds, that are getting too much preferential treatment.
Pin - 172		Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	This is a well formed link track with steep, undesirable land above it that's unattractive for dogs to venture into. Dogs on lead, restricted to the track only, would be a reasonable compromise.
Pin - 173	Erica graham	Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Prohibited	On-leash	Because it is a nice bush walk to do a loop with a dog. I can go from my house in a loop to reotahi instead of just keeping to the road and having to turn around. This is the bush track from Stuart rd to darch point rd. Also the reotahi to little munroe should allow dogs on leads too.
		Mt Aubrey - Beach and foreshore from end of Reotahi Road southward and eastward to the western end (but not including) little Munro Bay TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	On-leash	

Pin	Name	Location	Proposed rule	Submitter's preferred rule	Comment
Pin - 174	Stephanie Gowing	Hatea River Walkway - goes across: Parihaka Reserve Whangarei Falls Reserve - Falls Loop and Sands Road Loop Track to where it connects with the Elizabeth Track AH Reed Park - Elizabeth Track TYPE Bush or Coastal Walkway	Default on-leash (Sch. 1)	Proposed rule - on-leash	Dog walkers that live in the area above AH Reid Kauri Park (from Clapham Road to Abbey Caves, and beyond) have no way of accessing the Hatea River walk or town. Unless they walk down along the roadside of Whareora Road parallel to the Park. As a dog walker and a motorist I find it dangerous, as there is no shoulder the traffic is moderate to heavy at times and includes forestry and other trucks and trailers that struggle with the width of the road.
		AH Reed Park - -McKinnon Track -Canopy Walk -Alexander Track - excluding Hatea River Walkway -Elizabeth Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	On-leash	I would like to propose that there is access for dogs on leash, along the McKinnon track within AH Reid Park . Part of this track runs parallel to this dangerous stretch of road. Dogs on leash walking along the track would not offer any further threat to wild life, flora and fauna in the park.
Pin - 175	Melissa Arseneault	Bream Head D - Kauri Mountain Beach, from Awarua Rock to rocky outcrop at end of Ocean Beach TYPE Beach/Foreshore	Prohibited	Proposed rule – prohibited	This area is a high value conservation area adjacent to the DOC Ocean Beach Recreational Reserve. It has a diverse range of native species including the Threatened – Nationally Critical Australasian Bittern/Matuku-hūrepo who are one step away from extinction, the New Zealand dotterel/tūturiwhatu a threatened shorebird and the at risk and declining Fern Bird/Mātātā just to name a few. It is also an important breeding area for a number of shore and sea birds. There are a number of conservation projects in this area working to eradicate pest/weeds, protect biodiversity and improve habitat involving a number of organisations including NRC – Predator Free, the Bream Head Conservation Trust, Back Yard Kiwi as well as a number of local individuals and community groups. To allow any dogs on or off leash in this area will significantly undermine all of these initiatives and put further pressure on native species and fauna in this very important high value conservation area.

Pin	Name	Location	Proposed rule	Submitter's preferred rule	Comment
Pin - 180	Heidi Perkins	Parihaka Reserve : -Dobby Track -Drummond Track -Ross Track -Mackesey Track TYPE Park/Reserve	Prohibited	Off-leash	I do not understand why dogs are prohibited on Parihaka. They are permitted on the Hatea Walkway at the base and on the mountain bike park access road at the top yet not on the walkways up Parihaka. I don't understand this and would value the opportunity for robust, uphill exercise with my dog, and I am sure I am not the only one. Even if one walkway were for dogs and the others not, this would give opportunity for walkers that are highly averse to encountering dogs the opportunity to avoid them. If there were kiwi in the area I would understand it however, I don't believe this to be a kiwi area?

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Backyard Kiwi submission on WDC Dog Policy and Bylaw Review May 2024

General Background - Kiwi and Uncontrolled dogs

- Backyard Kiwi (BYK) is a community driven kiwi recovery project in the Whangarei Heads/Parua Bay area. BYK is part of the Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum (WHLF).
- Over 20 years of successful kiwi recovery work has seen the Whangarei Heads kiwi population grow from approximately 80 in 2001 to over 1,100 today. This kiwi population has also now expanded into the Parua Bay/Owhiwa area. It is one of the most successful kiwi recovery projects in New Zealand.
- These kiwi live in all habitats in the Heads area including roadsides, paddocks, scrub, weedy areas (especially pampas), farmland, pine forests, people's back and front yards - not just the bush areas.
- Good stoat control through trapping and targeted ground based toxin pulses has led to good kiwi chick survival rates (without this control 95% of kiwi chicks are killed by stoats and other predators). However it is dog control that is crucial for our kiwi population survival and growth. Uncontrolled dogs are the major threat to adult kiwi which should have a breeding life of 50 years. In areas without good dog control adult kiwi life expectancy is drastically reduced to just 13 years.
- Wandering dogs can be devastating on a kiwi population. It is crucial that dogs are contained or tied up. Any wandering dog in a kiwi area (i.e anywhere in the Heads area) reported to the WDC dog control needs to be followed up urgently and tracked to its dog owner.
- Exercising dogs under control on a leash has become part of the culture of the Whangarei Heads and has been instrumental in protecting kiwi from dogs.
- Please note that "Kiwi Avoidance Training (KAT)" of pet dogs has been shown in scientific studies to be ineffective (A. R. Dale PhD thesis 2014). Practical experience at the Heads backs this up with multiple kiwi killed by so called kiwi avoidance trained dogs. KAT is designed for hunting dogs and should not be used on pet dogs.

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- As stated above wandering dog control is crucial for kiwi survival. Dogs not being exercised must be contained or tied up at home.
- Appropriately controlled dog exercise is also crucial. If in any doubt a dog should be exercised on a lead. It is a credit to the vast majority of local dog owners that they exercise their dogs appropriately on a lead to protect their kiwi.

With these two key points in mind we strongly support the follow sections of the WDC Proposed Dog Management Policy:

6.1. Provide registration administration services including—

c. informing and educating dog owners through the registration process:

We note that in the past the WDC has informed dog owners of the risk uncontrolled dogs are to kiwi and the areas where there are high kiwi numbers (such as Whangarei Heads/Parua Bay) using the following information with registration:

<https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/documents/services/dogs-animals/save-kiwi-in-whangarei.pdf>

We strongly support the continuation of this informing and educating of dog owners.

6.2. Provide dog compliance and enforcement activities to proactively use Council's powers under the Act to—

d. provide services that promote responsible dog management, including but not limited to investigating and resolving dog-related issues.

6. Related information on dangerous dogs

Council must classify a dog as dangerous where—

b. the dog is considered a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or **protected wildlife**, based on sworn evidence of aggressive behaviour; or c. the owner admits in writing that the dog poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife.

14. Dog access rules

What will Whangarei District Council do?

14.1. Provide dog access rules in the Bylaw that are comprehensive, consistent, easy to understand and comply with the following dog access principles:

e. **manage conflict between dogs and protected wildlife**, native flora, livestock, poultry, domestic animals and property.

14.4. Maintain rules on dog access in public places and private ways as per Schedules 1 and 2 of this Policy

14.5. From time to time, Council may make temporary changes to the dog access rules in Schedules 1 and 2 in relation to—**b. the protection of wildlife vulnerable to dogs:**

Schedule 1

2. Default dog access rules

Unless otherwise stated in Schedule 2, the following default rules apply:

2.1 Dogs must be under control on a leash in all Council-controlled public places where there are no physical restrictions to access (such as fences or other indoor facilities). This includes: a. all formed public roads (including any street, highway, access way, service lane, and any footpath, cycle track, shared path, bus stop and berm within the boundaries of the road): b. private ways: c. Council-controlled car parks: d. Council-controlled boating areas (including any wharf, jetty, boat ramp or boat marshalling area).

Schedule 2 *Location specific dog access rules*

4. Dogs are prohibited

4.1 On the following reserves/parks:

Kauri Mountain Reserve

Kauri Mountain Trail

Matakohe/Limestone Island

McLeod Bay Reserve (opposite Fire Station)

Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway & Mt Aubrey Walkway

4.2 On the following beach and foreshore areas and wetlands:

Bream Head

Kauri Mountain

Whangarei Heads Beach and foreshore from end of Reotahi Road southward and eastward to the western end (but not including) little Munro Bay

Likewise with the same two key points in mind we strongly support the follow sections of the WDC Proposed Dog Management Bylaw:

Part 2 – Regulation and control of dogs

6. Prohibition of dogs in public places

6.1. The owner of any dog must ensure that their dog (including when confined in a vehicle or cage) does not enter or remain in any public place specified as prohibited in Schedule 1 or 2 of the Policy.

7. Dogs on a leash in public places and private ways

7.1. The owner of any dog must ensure that the dog is controlled on a leash in the public places and private ways as specified in Schedule 1 or 2 of the Policy.

10. Temporary changes to dog access rules

10.1. Council may make temporary changes to Schedules 1 and 2 of the Policy in relation to:

- c. the protection of wildlife vulnerable to dogs;

Part 3 – Enforcement, offence, penalties

16. Enforcement

16.1. Council may use its powers under the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2002 to enforce this Bylaw.

Thank you for considering our input to this important review. We would like to be heard at any hearings on the matter.

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WHANGAREI DOG TRAINING ASSOCIATION

SUBMISSION TO WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL ON REVIEW OF

WDC DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY AND BYLAW

The Whangarei Dog Training Association (WDTA) has been providing training to dog owners for over 40 years. For most of that time the club has been based at Otaika Sports Park. In April 2024, the club was evicted from Otaika Sports Park, and relocated to Barge Showgrounds for a 12 month trial period.

WDTA promotes and teaches responsible dog ownership as well as training in dog sports such as dog agility.

Members of WDTA upon joining the club must provide evidence of their dogs being:

- Currently registered
- Vaccinated (up-to-date)
- Microchipped

Rules for club members during training include:

- Dogs must be under control at all times - that is on-lead unless during training exercises or supervised play/exercise
- Owners must always pick up after their dogs
- Dogs should never be left tethered unsupervised

Club members are expected to follow these rules when with their dogs in public places – always having their dogs under control, carrying poo bags and leash.

Other aspects of training and opportunities provided through the club via various classes and courses, including a Kid's Class aimed specifically at junior handlers, include:

- The basics of dog ownership welfare
- Ensuring there is control of the dog in all circumstances on and off lead
- Socialisation¹ - behaviour around other dogs and people – especially children who may be unpredictable

WDTA holds an agility championship show at Otaika Sports Park every year on a weekend in December with permission from the WDC to have dogs in the entire park. Members of the public are welcomed to the spectacle of well-trained dogs enjoying a sporting partnership with their owners. The club takes the responsibility towards members of the public seriously and as well as the usual rules around control and supervision of dogs, ensures there is multiple signage asking members of the public to:

- Not approach any dogs without the owner's permission
- Keep clear of the marshalling areas

¹ Dog Management Policy 2.3 p.5

WDTA wishes to comment on these aspects of the WDC Dog Management Policy and Bylaw.

1. Control of dogs in public places

WDTA believes there are currently adequate off-lead and on-lead areas for exercising dogs in the Whangarei region, with one exception known to club members – and acknowledging there may be others.

The club's base up until recently was Otaika Sports Park. While not listed in the WDC's *Dog Management Policy* Schedule's A, B or C – it is known that dogs are prohibited from marked sports fields – of which there are several at Otaika Park and the club understands and respects this.

It is understood that the area of the park to the north of the sports fields is an on-leash area.

Perhaps, WDC could consider an easement of the prohibition of dogs on marked sports fields during the off-season for those sports.

Appropriate signage would be necessary. For example, some councils have small, portable sandwich-board type signs placed on all sides of sports fields with messages such as **“No dogs on sports fields”** when the fields are in use regularly for training and competition.

These are removed when the sports fields are not in use.

WDTA is very appreciative of the Council's waiver in order that we can hold our annual agility championship show in December each year utilising the entire park.

What WDC does have the opportunity to offer at Otaika is an off-leash area in the area known as the 'Blue Goose' site where a house once stood. This is already fenced on 2 sides and would not take much more fencing to make it a reasonable-sized, safe off-leash area.

Perhaps, given its SH 1 exposure, a sponsor might be found for the fencing and could advertise on the fence facing SH1.

WDTA would like WDC to give consideration to adding the area of the removed house site on the SE of the park to off-leash areas in the Whangarei region.

The removed house area in the NE, currently occupied by squatters, could also be added as a dog exercise area as well as an area for members of the public to enjoy other activities, safely, with their families.

With that site being presented as a cleared, tidy, pleasant, unthreatening green area for the enjoyment of members of the public with or without dogs - it would be seen positively by travellers on SH1 either approaching or leaving Whangarei, Northland's largest (and only) city as a greeting or farewell.

Otaika Park is easily accessible and within walking distance of the suburbs of Raumanga and Otaika.

2. Dog Defecation

The *Dog Management Policy (2013)* states:

‘In some areas such as the Town Basin and the ring of walkways, Council, where budget permits, will make special provision for dogs with disposal containers for dog waste, dog waste disposal bag dispensers and other facilities which make it more enjoyable for dog owners and others to visit these areas. (*Control of Dogs in Public Spaces* p. 4)

‘Council will endeavour to provide dog waste bins in key high pedestrian use areas where dogs are permitted such as the Town Basin and ring of walkways area.’ (5 *Dog Defecation* p.5)

WDTA strongly advocates for provision of strategically placed bins and disposal bag dispensers for dog waste.

In some council and city districts sponsors (for example vet practices) have been found for these bins and dispensers.

Signs (see below) should also be displayed as a reminder of the rule on picking up dog waste.

3. Signage

While signage is placed at some dog exercise areas, these are not always placed in enough places to ensure all users of the area understand the status of the park/area they are entering.

Such signs – if used as ‘...an important tool in educating dog owners and the general public...’ (11 *Signs* p.8) should also include information other than the status (eg off-leash, on-leash) but reminders of picking up dog waste – and the fact regardless of off-leash or on-lead - a leash must be carried.

WDTA would like to see signs at all logical and most frequently used entrances to exercise areas. These would clearly state (either by wording and/or understood symbols) the status of the exercise area, a reminder to pick up dog waste, and a reminder that ‘...a leash must be carried at all times.’ (2.5 *Requirement to carry a leash* p. 5)

4. Education

WDC has stated its commitment to education (as above) through signage and uses also its website and the pamphlet accompanying dog re-registration notices as education tools.

WDTA supports any tools and strategies aimed at improving knowledge and practice of responsible dog ownership as this is also the club’s commitment.

Some consideration could be given to a partnership between the Council and WDTA in providing education opportunities for dog owners.

5. Fees

Registration fees are a necessary aspect of dog management for district and city councils.

There are opportunities for discounts, for example neutered dogs and working dogs, and Gold Card owners.

There are some councils who offer discounts for owners who have undergone some process that provides evidence of their being responsible dog owners.

WDTA would like WDC to consider a discount for members of the club in recognition of the commitment those owners have made and continue to make toward being responsible dog owners.

Whangarei Dog Training Association.

June, 2024.



Submission by the
Royal New Zealand Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.

on

Whangarei Dog Management Policy and Bylaw

14 June 2024



Executive Summary

- SPCA supports steps to promote responsible dog ownership.
- SPCA supports protection of wildlife and balancing the needs of different users through appropriate control of dogs but cautions that removal of any off-leash exercise areas should be balanced with the creation and designation of additional, appropriate off-leash exercise areas.
- SPCA advocates for further integrate dogs in our communities by increasing access to off-leash areas for dog owners to exercise their dogs and steps to foster positive community attitudes and practices such as dog-friendly establishments, public transport and rental properties.
- SPCA supports increased clarity of dog access rules to make expectations clearer and the addition of a clause which can allow Council to make temporary changes to dog access rules under certain circumstances to allow for flexibility where required.
- SPCA supports the inclusion of a clause in the Bylaw that requires a dog to be neutered if it has not been kept under control and reduced fees for desexed dogs.
- SPCA acknowledges the new clause which allows owners to provide evidence that their dog is an American Staffordshire Terrier to avoid classification as menacing as a 'Pitbull Terrier type'.
- SPCA supports the inclusion of a pathway to appeal menacing classification with eligibility based on demonstrated steps towards responsible dog ownership.



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Introduction

The following submission is made on behalf of The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (trading as SPCA).

SPCA is the preeminent animal welfare and advocacy organisation in New Zealand. The Society has been in existence for over 150 years with a supporter base representing more than 100,000 New Zealanders across the nation.

The organisation includes 29 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Whangarei Dog Management Policy and Bylaw.

Submission

Dog access

SPCA supports protection of wildlife and balancing the needs of different users through appropriate control of dogs but cautions that removal of any off-leash exercise areas should be balanced with the creation and designation of additional, appropriate off-leash exercise areas.

Our organisation recognises the importance of managing the negative impacts that dogs can have on valuable biodiversity areas and supports the protection of areas that are important habitats to native wildlife.

There is a legitimate need for safe, appropriate designated off-leash areas to provide alternatives to those areas where the presence of off-leash dogs is potentially detrimental to wildlife, farmed animals and other users of public lands. SPCA believes that councils should consult and take on board feedback from local residents regarding adequate provision of



appropriate dog exercise areas to balance those areas where dogs are proposed to be prohibited. The [recent consultation](#) undertaken by Wellington City Council is a good example of how communities can be positively engaged to determine potential dog exercise areas.

On-leash exercise is not a substitute for off-leash exercise. Dogs walk faster than people and providing off-leash time allows them to work off excess energy. Research suggests that off-leash dog exercise areas can benefit owners' and dogs' physical and social health, as well as community connectedness (Cutt et al., 2007; Eldering & Martin, 2017; González Ramírez & Landero Hernández, 2014; Toohey et al., 2013). Canine obesity is now considered to be the number one health concern in companion dogs worldwide (Kipperman & German, 2018). Dogs walked less often and for a shorter time are more likely to be obese; this can shorten their life and put them at risk of health complications such as diabetes and heart disease (German et al., 2017).

Dogs not provided an appropriate outlet for their energy can develop problem behaviours such as nuisance barking and destructive behaviours or depression (Instone & Sweeney, 2014). Exercise is an easy, inexpensive, welfare-friendly tool to assist with nuisance barking (Righetti, 2005). Thus provision of off-leash exercise opportunities is a key component of councils' obligations to prevent or abate nuisances.

Legally, all dog owners must meet the physical, health and behavioural needs of their animals, and providing sufficient exercise is a part of this requirement. Some dog owners may be reluctant to exercise their dogs if they have less flexibility about where they can do this within their local area. Provision of alternative designated dog exercise areas to compensate for those removed, is likely to improve compliance with the introduced restrictions and allow dog owners to meet their physical, health and behavioural needs.

Dog-friendly communities

SPCA supports increased clarity of dog access rules to make expectations clearer and the addition of a clause which can allow Council to make temporary changes to dog access rules under certain circumstances to allow for flexibility where required.



For example, in other jurisdictions, this is used to allow access for a dog-friendly event in areas where dogs are ordinarily prohibited.

SPCA supports dog-friendly communities. New Zealanders overwhelmingly consider their companion animals part of their whānau (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020). Creating dog-friendly communities facilitates socialisation of puppies and dogs. Dogs which have been adequately and appropriately socialised are less likely to show undesirable behaviours such as barking and aggression (Blackwell et al., 2008). We commend councils which take proactive steps to foster positive community attitudes and practices at dog-friendly establishments, public transport, and rental properties (for example see Wellington City Council).

Desexing

SPCA supports the inclusion of a clause in the Bylaw that requires a dog to be neutered if it has not been kept under control and reduced fees for desexed dogs.

SPCA advocates for all companion cats, dogs, and other companion animals as deemed appropriate, to be desexed before selling or rehoming, except registered breeding animals.

SPCA is concerned about the oversupply of companion animals. The excessive, uncontrolled breeding of companion animals is an important contributing factor in creating New Zealand's widespread stray and unwanted animal problems, which leads to negative welfare impacts, negative impacts on the environment, and the euthanasia of healthy animals. The desexing of companion animals is an important component of population control and has welfare benefits for the desexed animal.

Dog classified as menacing by 'breed'

SPCA acknowledges the new clause which allows owners to provide evidence that their dog is an American Staffordshire Terrier to avoid classification as menacing as a 'Pitbull Terrier type'.

SPCA acknowledges that Councils are required to comply with the Dog Control Act 1996, which currently requires classification of dogs listed in schedule 4 (as assessed based on visual



assessment of the dog's physical characteristics) as "menacing". SPCA strongly opposes breed specific legislation, such as New Zealand's Dog Control Act 1996, as evidence shows that targeting specific dog breeds or types is subjective, does not reduce the risk of dog bites, and places additional obligations on responsible owners.

The Dog Control Act does not contain a definition of what constitutes an "American Pit Bull Terrier type" and thus it is left up to each territorial authority to determine how they establish reasonable grounds for believing a dog is wholly or predominantly one of the impacted dog breeds or types. SPCA cautions this as research has clearly shown that visual assessment of mixed breed dogs is highly inaccurate, even when conducted by experts such as shelter workers, veterinarians and dog control officers (Hoffman et al., 2014; Olson et al., 2015; Voith et al., 2013). Classification as menacing has serious consequences for a dog's welfare and can impact responsible dog owners. SPCA encourages Council to consider these impacts, and the high rates of error in visual identification of cross breeds, when determining their criteria for classifying dogs as 'menacing' based solely on appearance.

Dog classified as menacing due to behaviour

SPCA supports the Council providing a clear pathway for owners of dogs with a menacing by behaviour classification to request Council review their dog's classification, provided they take specific steps to demonstrate responsible dog ownership.

This approach has been successfully adopted by other territorial authorities (for example, see [Auckland Council Dog Bylaw](#)) and incentivises human behaviour change and adoption of responsible dog ownership practices. The proposed Bylaw allows for owners of dogs classified as menacing due to behaviour, to have the opportunity to have their dog's classification reviewed if the owner provides evidence of completing a dog obedience course (at the owner's expense), and the owner has not obtained any infringements in relation to the dog within a 24-month period. The removal of the classification of the dog is at the discretion of Council. This change is intended to incentivise dog owners to modify their dog's behaviour and promote responsible dog ownership.



Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Whangarei Dog Management Policy and Bylaw. Our organisation is happy to discuss this matter if further information is required,



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Submission on Whangarei District Council Proposed Dog Management Policy and Bylaw

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the Whangarei District Council Proposed Dog Management Policy and Bylaw. Forest & Bird Northern Branch welcomes this opportunity to address issues to enhance protection of New Zealand's indigenous flora and fauna. The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. is the country's longest running independent conservation organisation. Our constitutional purpose is to take all reasonable steps within our power for the preservation and protection of the indigenous flora and fauna and the natural features of New Zealand.

We would like the opportunity to speak to our submission.

Key changes and proposed dog access rules we support

Forest & Bird Northern Branch approves the following key changes:

1. *Make the documents easier to read and use by simplifying them, removing unnecessary content and providing additional information to support understanding.*
2. *Make dog access rules less confusing and encourage people to follow them by:

 - a. *separating the general rules from those that apply to specific locations*
 - b. *organising the rules in a uniform way*
 - c. *using clear and specific rules instead of vague ones*
 - d. *removing duplication between the Policy, Bylaw and Act.**
3. *Deal with new challenges in dog management by:

 - a. *allowing Council to set temporary rules for dog access*
 - b. *requiring the neutering of dogs that aren't under control*
 - c. *encouraging responsible dog ownership for dogs classified as 'menacing' based on their behaviour.**

Forest & Bird Northern Branch approves the following proposed dog access rules:

1. *an online map that people will be able to use to find out what the rules are for the places they want to go*
2. *location specific rules will ensure people can have certainty about where and how they can walk their dogs*
3. *almost everyone in the Whangarei urban area will live within a 10-15 minute walk of an off-leash area*
4. *dogs are proposed to be on-leash in the city centre*
5. *seven additional beach and foreshore areas where dogs will be allowed off-leash during the summer restricted season*
6. *mixed rules at certain location to meet multiple needs. For example dogs will be allowed on-leash on the access tracks at the Parihaka Mountain Bike Park, but prohibited on the bike tracks for safety reasons*
7. *more clearly protected vulnerable wetlands in the District at Kioreroa Road, Barge Showgrounds and Marsden Point (F&B pers comm: note spelling correction of Marsen)*
8. *retention and clarification of prohibitions across the District to protect birdlife, in particular Kiwi*
9. *simplifying the rules for dogs at sports parks, dogs are now prohibited on all marked sports fields at all times, but are allowed on-leash in the vicinity, including Kensington Park*
10. *the temporary dog access rule will be able to accommodate short term different rules. For example they could be used to allow dogs on sports parks for a dog agility training programme, or to prohibit dogs if vulnerable wildlife is discovered in an off-leash area while a further assessment can be undertaken.*

Areas of concern

The Introduction of the Proposed amendments to the [Dog Management Policy May 2024](#) begins with:

1. Purpose

1.1. To provide for the needs of dogs and their owners in a way that also protects the community and wildlife.

1.2. To achieve this purpose, the Policy aims to:

a. minimise the problems caused by dogs; and

b. protect dogs from harm and ensure their welfare; and

c. provide opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places.

Purpose 1.1 of the Policy is the paramount reason for Forest & Bird Northern Branch's submission.

The Northern Advocate of 28 May 2024 ran a story about a group of "dog owners furious at proposed law changes" on the beach known as 'Dog Heaven' near Tip Road, Waipū. The proposal still allows a year-round off-lead area outside the restricted summer period.

One of the dog walkers interviewed for the story said "I really get hacked off with bird group members insinuating the all dog walkers don't like or care about the foreshore birds. It's just not true." It is not true that all dog walkers don't like or care about foreshore birds. Many "bird group members" own or look after dogs and understand the needs of exercising them while understanding where and when is best.

The same person also stated that "if it was high tide during the permitted hours dog walkers would be forced further up the sand dunes..." No one is forcing dog walkers to walk further up the dunes (and they would not do this if they cared about shorebirds). This comment puts the dog walkers' needs before the important role we all play in protecting our endangered or vulnerable wildlife.

A similar story could be replicated in many situations. While our kiwi population is increasing, the numbers being injured or killed by dogs are tragic.

Monitoring and enforcement of offences should be more robust. While Council may use its powers under the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2002 to enforce this Bylaw it is very easy not to enact its powers due to multiple constraints.

One area that comes under a dog control bylaw that cannot be adequately controlled or monitored is the area from the Ngunguru Sandspit south end to the Hora Hora River and the area westwards along the Ngunguru Estuary between the two marked dotted reserves. While it would be wonderful, for the purpose of protecting vulnerable shorebirds and kiwi, to have the entire area a no-dog zone, it is impractical as it cannot be monitored due to it being landlocked. Having such a ruling where no dogs are allowed and where some people continue to allow dogs to wander, makes a mockery of any bylaw. If there is a bylaw, make sure it can be enforced. It would be better to strictly monitor the beaches adjoining the DOC reserve of Ngunguru Sandspit.



Ngunguru Sandspit, Map # 17

Recommendations

Recommendation	Rationale / further information
<p>1. We recommend that when dog control officers warn people about the rules where dog prohibition area rules have breached that offenders are identified and recorded to discourage repeat offending. We request that robust monitoring and more effective enforcement is enacted.</p>	
<p>2. We request that the proposed bylaw be amended to set a standard around the total number of dogs allowed per property, and that that standard is a maximum of two dogs (other than working dogs) in all areas across the district.</p>	<p>The proposed bylaw does not have any provision for limiting the number of dogs allowed per property. This is in contrast to the dog bylaws of many other territorial authorities. Setting limits for the number of dogs allowed per property can result in better outcomes for wildlife, for communities, and for the dogs.</p>
<p>3. We support retaining section 6.1 of the proposed Dog Management Bylaw and request a greater emphasis placed on section 6.1 in public education media programs. Dogs arriving in vehicles on beaches where dogs are prohibited is a matter that needs addressing.</p>	
<p>4. We request the insertion in clause 6.2 of the Dog Management Bylaw of the words as shown in Column 2 of this table to clarify that working dogs with no functional need to be in a prohibited area are not allowed there.</p>	<p><i>6.2. Clause 6.1 does not apply to any working dog [insert (with a functional need to be)] accompanying and assisting a person or accompanying a person engaged in the dog's training; or if the working dog is present in the prohibited area in accordance with its functions as provided for in section 2 of the Act.</i></p>
<p>5. We ask for any aspects of the Dog Control Act 1996 that offers protection to indigenous species and their habitats and ecosystems to be supported by this Bylaw.</p>	
<p>6. We request that the proposed dog bylaw be amended to include the following standard, as per the current bylaw: <i>Dogs to be under control at all times. The owner or any person in charge or having control of any dog, shall keep such dog securely tied up or otherwise effectively confined or under his/her direct control.</i></p>	<p>The following standard from the current Dog Bylaw has been removed from the proposed May 2024 Bylaw: <i>Dogs to be under control at all times. The owner or any person in charge or having control of any dog, shall keep such dog securely tied up or otherwise effectively confined or under his/her direct control.</i></p> <p>The justification for the removal of this standard appears to be the consideration that this point is covered under the Dog Control Act 1996. However, the Act only has the following detail:</p>

	<p><i>5 Obligations of dog owners</i></p> <p><i>(1) The obligations imposed on dog owners by this Act require every owner of a dog—</i></p> <p><i>(b) to ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times...</i></p> <p>The extra details provided in the current bylaw create better understanding of what ‘under control’ means, and give clear guidance to dogs owners, animal control officers, and the wider public about expectations. Removing this clarifying statement allows for ambiguity and confusion, and could potentially result in fewer dog owners keeping their dogs under effective control. As well as providing clarity, this is in keeping with other dog bylaws.</p>
<p>7. We request that no current allowance for kiwi protection is lost and strongly support the outcome in the Statement of Proposal “retention and clarification of prohibitions across the District to protect birdlife, in particular Kiwi”.</p>	
<p>8. We would like the bylaw to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 as directed on page 7 under the title “Application of this policy statement”</p>	



Robbie Jones
CHAIRPERSON

Northern Branch - Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc.



14th June 2024

DOC-7665082

Whangarei District Council
Te Iwitahi Civic Centre
9 Rust Avenue,
Whangārei 0110

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission on the Whangārei District Council Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024)

Please find enclosed a submission by the Director-General of Conservation in respect of this Policy and Bylaw.

Please contact Mathew Hemara, mhemara@doc.govt.nz, 0273323607 if you would like to discuss this submission further or have any questions.

Your sincerely

Joel Lauterbach
Operations Manager
Whangārei Office
jlauterbach@doc.govt.nz
027 232 2521

Acting pursuant to delegated authority.

To: Whangārei District Council

Submission on: Whangārei District Council Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024).

Name: Penny Nelson, Director-General of Conservation

Contact: Mathew Hemara, mhemara@doc.govt.nz | 027 332 3607

The Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai ('the Department') is responsible for managing and promoting conservation of the natural and historical heritage of New Zealand on behalf of, and for the benefit of, present and the future New Zealanders. It also has a responsibility under section

4 of the Conservation Act 1987 and to interpret and administer the conservation legislation to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi to the extent that it applies to this conservation activity.

To perform its functions, the Department wants to work with others, recognising that New Zealanders want to connect with and protect their unique natural environment, historic and cultural heritage.

I refer to the Whangārei District Council Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024). This proposal being to provide guidance and direction on the management of dogs within the Whangārei district.

Statement of Submission by the Director-General of Conservation

Pursuant to section 83(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, I, Penny Nelson, Director-General of Conservation, make the following submission on the Whangārei District Council Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024).

The Director-General's interest in the application

The Department's interest in this policy and bylaw is in ensuring the appropriate behaviour of dogs and their owners around protected wildlife. DOC administers the Wildlife Act 1953 and Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978, which both legislate against the disturbance of protected species.

Reasons for the Director-General's submission

The coastal area in the Whangārei District is home to Nationally Threatened and At-Risk species, including a variety of indigenous avifauna.

Many of our shorebird species build their nests, which are just shallow scrapes in the sand, right on the beach, sometimes close to the high tide mark. Nesting birds and their chicks are very vulnerable to disturbance and predation. Chicks freeze when there is danger and use the surrounding shell and dune plants as camouflage. This makes them hard to see, but easy prey for dogs. Eggs can become unviable when parents are disturbed off their nests leaving their eggs exposed and getting too hot or cold.

Tara iti/NZ Fairy Tern, with a population of fewer than 40 individuals that includes approximately 9 breeding pairs, the tara iti is probably our most endangered indigenous breeding bird. It is ranked as an endangered species and carries a 'Category A' priority for conservation action. A Department of Conservation Recovery Plan is currently in action. The only defence NZ fairy tern chicks have against predators is to keep still or freeze, relying on their mottled grey and rust-brown feathers blending into the coastal habitat for camouflage. Unfortunately, this does not keep chicks safe from predators such as dogs that hunt using their keen sense of smell.

Penguins smell strong and tempting to dogs. Penguins come ashore at night and nest in rock crevices etc along the coast. They are particularly vulnerable when they are young or moulting as they cannot swim at this time.

Pateke nest and feed around the estuary edges and have been spotted at night on beaches at Mimiwhangata. Unlike other ducks, they freeze and try to blend into their surroundings rather than flying away when approached. This makes them particularly easy prey for dogs.

Surprisingly, kiwis can also live close to our coastal fringes. Although nocturnal and not seen by us through the day, they smell fantastic to dogs and are easily found hiding in their burrows. Kiwi are easily killed because they have no breastbone making their rib cage very vulnerable and easily crushed. A dog can kill a kiwi by picking it up gently in its mouth, or by giving it a playful push with its muzzle.

Migratory birds such as the bar-tailed godwit require estuaries to feed and roost in preparation for their long return flight. To build up their fat supplies they need to feed copious amounts. During this time, they also need to rest as their body organs reduce to make room for this extra fat and disturbance can be detrimental to this process happening sufficiently enough for them to successfully make their flight north.

The Department had sent a letter to Will McNabb, Strategic Planner, Whangārei District Council on the 16th of February 2024 raising a concern due to changes suggested in the Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy to the Northern promontory of Teaparapara Bay around North Head Scenic Reserve to the northern end of Bland Bay at intersection where the sand meets the rock outcrop. As this letter states this area has Shorebirds and Coastal Species identified in this area as Threatened–Nationally Critical (Australasian bittern/matuku-hūrepo), Nationally endangered (Reef heron), At risk- declining (Northern Blue penguin), Conservation dependent (NI brown Kiwi).

There are also some bird species in that area that are recovering but will require ongoing assistance to ensure their survival. Recovering (Variable oystercatcher/tōrea pango, and the Northern New Zealand dotterel,) and the Nationally Increasing Pāteke waterfowl.

The Department recognises the importance of enabling recreational dog access for animal welfare and allowing owners to participate in and access our environment and is largely supportive of the Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024). The submission identifies the Department interests in the management of the district beaches that a closely aligned and adjacent to Public Conservation Land that the Department administers.

Overall, the Department is in support of the objectives and provisions of the Proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy (May 2024) and the proposed new Dog Management Bylaw (May 2024) as they will mitigate the potential adverse effects on wildlife of uncontrolled dogs in the reserves and coastal areas.

However, given the unpredictability inherent in dealing with animals (both dogs and wildlife) and the high conservation, economic and social value of our coastal wildlife, the Wildlife Act 1953 and the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978 both legislate against the disturbance of protected species.

The Department looks forward to working with Whangārei District Council.

Your sincerely



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Attachment 6 - Pro-forma submissions

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Pro forma 1
(72 submitters)

Brian Glamuzina, Jenny Carter, Courtney Walker, Peter Owen, Deb B, Alice Grant, Michelle Jago, Jose [illegible], Lynne Stewart, Sarah Louise Marsh, Barbara McAulay, Caroline Stocking, Leo Durno, Kyle Bell, Paul Leong, Valerie Cummins, A Cummins, Robyn Armstrong, Amanda Bell, Gregg Chisnall, Peter McConnell, Richard Bearne, Sarah Bearne, Philippa Randell, Joanne Cowan, Lisa Cowan, Toby Marsh, Graeme Torrance, Grant Shand, Eric Hazelden, Sharon Jones, Paul Fey, Penny Reynders, Janine Hazelwood, Amy Fryer, James Smith, Paul Rae, Rose Froggatt, Jane Mill, Robert Spriggs, Shane Durno, Ebonie Amos, Richard Hattaway, Kate Hattaway, Bruce Bultitude, Joanne Bennett, Mark Bennett, Gay Brown, Julie Brown, Leigh Butler, Deborah Elisar, Stephen Hillier, Wendy McFarlane, Sue Matthews, Anna Benson, Ron Cave, Linda Spicer, Steve McCutcheon, Andrew Cameron, Marina Hayward, Heather Simonsen, Jorgha Rae, Susan Crow, Kylie Shepherd, Helen Whitehead, Warren, Maddy Shepherd, Clare Scott, Sharyn Chow, Christine Tierney, Gleasure Family, Suza Ratana Cotton

Pro forma 1



Feedback form

Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw

REGULATED - COMMENCE 31 OCT 23

14 MAY 2024

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Your details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

I am making this submission as: An individual On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: _____

What is your preferred method of contact?

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Your feedback

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[REDACTED] NO CHANGE TO ALL DAY ACCESS 365
DAYS OF YEAR at TIP ROAD North
MAP # 7.

Pro forma #	Submitter names	Submission
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Pro forma 2
(21 submitters)

Jamie Robert Shields, Heather Shields, Ann Whitwell, Clarke Fiddes, Nia Owen, Selah Cooper, Nick Brackenridge, Reina Reilly, Derek Heiwari, Adam Stocking, Judy Catherine Post, David Roberts, Peter Hustler, Judith [illegible], Raewyn Conner, Jo Keith, Maree Allen-Cooke, Guy Buffey, Graeme Carter, Cathy Heesch, Barry Pyle

Pro forma 2



Whangarei
District Council

* DEADLINE 10 June 24

Feedback form

Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw

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NO CHANGE TO ALL DAY ACCESS 365
DAYS OF YEAR at TIP ROAD North
MAP # 7. KEEP STATUS QUO!

Sign = [Redacted]

We need a DECENT SIZED PARK to Exercise
our dogs in WAIPU.


Sign = [Redacted]

Pro forma #	Submitter names	Submission
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Pro forma 3
(45 submitters)

Maureen Taylor, Shaun Hansen, Valarie Heta, Matt Brown, Danae Parker, Rachel Tomlinson, Jenni Carr, Kasey Carr, Steve Pinkerton, Steve Pinkerton, Hawea George, Sean Lewis, Sean O'Neil, Andrew Foote, Susan Crowther, Sara Treend, Michael Treend, Andrew Ernst, Doug Kerrisk, Lynne Maree Patterson, Nicola Law, Eve Kilmartin, Johan Rijnbende, Ben Thompson, Dave Giffin, Ian McGregor, L'Angelique Knight, Brenda Wells, Lisa Lewis, Paul Shipman, AA Smith, Victoria Nicholas, Freya Johnstone, Emma Couper, Rochelle, Steve Collie, Cyndy Turner, Jeanie McKee, Alan Campbell, Stephanie Gordon, Neil Jones, Tracey Dobbs, Vanessa, Marcus Banks, Liz Welch

Pro forma 3



Feedback form

Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw

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KEEP STATUS QUO at unetiti beach (Tip Road North)

① No change to 365, all day access. [Redacted]

Sign →

② Maipua needs a large exercise area for Dogs [Redacted]

③ No large parks available.

Sign →

③ Summer beach hours should extend to 10AM - 9PM to accommodate large growth in dog ownership [Redacted]

Sign →

How to get this form to us

Online:
Complete the form online:
www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

In person:
By visiting Customer Services at either:
Te Iwitahi, p Rust Avenue, Whangarei
Ruakākā Service Centre Takitai Place, Ruakākā

By post:
Dog Policy and Bylaw feedback
Whangarei District Council
Private Bag 9023
Te Mai
Whangarei 0143

By email:
[Redacted]

DEADLINE 12 June

Pro forma #	Submitter names	Submission
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Pro forma 4
(90 submitters)

Serena Bain, Saphire Parry, Nora Parry, Susan Scott, Ian Stewart, Shona Firman, Ivan Barry, Angela Stolwerk, Adrienne Hand, Nick Birch, Geoff Dunnet, Ludo van Dulst, Monique Rapson, Liam Armstrong, Voon Pang, Scott Nash, Tina Cooper, Elizabeth Seaton, Natalie Pritchard, Debbie Jamieson, Faye Robinson, Dani J, L Butler, Bernie McQueen, Kelly Sandford, Monica Nevill-Jackson, Ethan Clements, Rhian Dyer, Michal Noona, Talia Comp, Liam, Mary-Jayne Hodgson, Irene Kingi, Macaulay Glass, Olivia Martinovich, Zoe Martinovich, Raewyn Lennon, Miah Dixon, Abigail Robinson, Teresa Martin, Leilani Hunter, Felicity Cullen, Todd Wickenden, Clare Brookes, Chris Burn, Charles George, Caitlin Beazley, Frana Divich, Lewis Verberne, Sue Ellul, Sarah Moxham, Mitchell Austin, Ruby Stevens, Charles, Sharysse, Glenys Barrow, Maree [illegible], Dean Adolph, Lisa Roberts, Josh McLauchlan, Kevin Leith, Annabel Phillips, Tom Phillips, Yasmin Phillips, Erin McLauchan, Jaimee Hoogeveen, Kaine Thompson, Bill Stretton, Dawn Morrison, Emily Morrison, Jacqui Finnigan, Brett Finnigan, Emma Bishop, John Bishop, Karen Kipling, Tracey Lewis, Ann Panoho, Stacey Hollis, Rebecca Cook, Miriam Tuck, Trudy Newton, Briar Palmer, Kate Frankham, Marissa Palmer, Rochelle Robertson, Sandi Weston, Greig Staples, Claire Steele, Paul Steele, Steve Carbaugh

Pro forma 4

Feedback form

Whangarei District Council

Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw

Your details

Name [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Phone number [redacted]

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No change to all day access for dogs 365
day of year at Tip Road, North - Ureki
Map #7

No summer hours for Ureki branch.

Provide a park or exercise area in Ureki
for dog owners. There is no large park for
dog owners

Change summer hours on all WDC beaches
to 10-5

[redacted]


Pro forma #	Submitter names	Submission
<p>Pro forma 5 (53 submitters)</p>	<p>Peter Gembitsky, Jacqui Mewett, Amber Nolah, Roger Benson, Doug Scrymgeour, Joelle McCormick, Hannah [illegible], Kelly Butler, Chris Allen, Kees Kramar, Camillo Monticelli, Cherie Goodhue, Roger Smith, David Smith, Maria [illegible], Olivia Smith, John Carlo Santarina, Jhen Clarke, Lea Santarina, Lucinda Boyer, Mike Hanlon, Deborah Collins, Sam Collins, Trevor Collins, Joel Collins, Kate Collins, Meg Seel, Karin Yock, Ben Blucher, Wendy Morgan, Jürgen Weiland, Nathan Collins, John Foster, Jack Schaake, Allan Foster, Sue Foster, Paul Tilbury, Nelo Mauhay, Chris Dickeson, Ron de Graaf, Michael Snowdon, Christine de Klerk, Sam Givney, Liz Grace, Pam Crawley, Scott Miller, Cathryn Fennell, P Fennell, Tracey Barker, Glen Barker, Mark Lambeth, Maxine Somerville, Christine Faithfull</p>	<p>Pro forma 5</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Feedback form</p> <p>Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw</p> <p>Your details</p> <p>Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Email <input type="text"/></p> <p>Phone number <input type="text"/></p> <p>I am making this submission as: <input checked="" type="radio"/> An individual <input type="radio"/> On behalf of an organisation</p> <p>Organisation name <input type="text"/></p> <p>What is your preferred method of contact?</p> <p>We will use your email address or phone number to contact you about your submission and any hearing details. We will also keep you updated about the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> By email <input type="radio"/> By phone <input checked="" type="radio"/> I do not want to be contacted</p> <p>Your feedback</p> <p>Tell us your thoughts on the proposal. Please remember that we want to hear about things you would like to see changed as well as things you like in the proposed Policy or Bylaw. If you are providing feedback on a specific section of either of the documents, please reference the section number if possible.</p> <p>No change to all day access for dogs 365 days of year at tip road, North - Credit Map #7.</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>

Pro forma #	Submitter names	Submission
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Pro forma 6
(68 submitters)

Vinko Marinovic, Ian Prior, Debra Borich, Juane Marinovic, Nicholas Marinovic, Christopher Marinko Marinovic, Ivana Marinovic, Candace Marinovic, Jospeh Marinovic, Maree Marinovic, Maurice Marinovic, S Follas, Michael Berry, Venera Berry, Tom Aspin, Nadine Warnakula, Carol Hurley, Vince Hurley, Rachael Fox, Imogen Radley, Kirrie Gibson-Agnew, Ray Wells, Sandra Wells, Els Switser, Sheridan Rope, Kay Airey, Rosina Kamphuis, Lena Nelson, Jenny Allan, Nicola Everett, Eleanor Robinson, Wayne Robinson, Rob Medcalfe, Laureen Medcalfe, David Mickelborough, Jaxon Medcalfe, Linda Jones, Janine Goldsmith, Nina Backhouse, Millie Backhouse, Lorna Cuddy, Andy Dalton, Eileen Dalton, Lauren Joal Jones, Teresa Underwood, Trent Jones, Sean McCombe, Jennie McCombe, Debarah Linkin, Sophie McCombe, Sherri L. McKay, Lisa Mullins, Georgia Forman, Malcolm Green, Jess Ginton, Janneke George, Vicki Cox, Sharen Martin, Shona Samuels, Mike Rather, Carolyn Dymock, Janine Brougham, Elena Nikolaeva, McGregor Ross, Tamara Ross, Gail Hawke, Marie Fitt, Laurie Bell

Pro forma 6



Feedback form

Dog Management Policy & Dog Management Bylaw

YOUR details

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No change at creek tip Road North beach

All day access 365 days of year.

No change to Status Quo.

Attachment 7 - Draft schedule of oral submitters

Name (organisation)	Attachment, page number
Karen Whitley	A1, p6
Margaret Crichton	A1, p9
David Golding	A1, p15
Patricia Fenton	A1, p20
Noeline Whitehead	A1, p21
Liz Perales	A1, p22
Tim Robinson	A1, p25
Charlie George	A1, p26
Richard Davis	A1, p27
Terence Walsh	A1, p33
Ann Heatley	A1, p37
Colleen Wesley	A2, p7
Todd Hamilton (Backyard Kiwi)	A5, p2
Eduan Pentz	A1, p40
Sam Givney	A1, p44
Mark (and Orinoco) Domican	A2, p8
Janinka Greenwood	A1, p45
Viv Goldsmith	A1, p50
Shirley Neal	A2, p14
Dr Arnja Dale (SPCA)	A2, p10
Roberta Jones (Forest and Bird – Northern Branch)	A2, p20
David Lourie	A3, p15
Will Monk	A3, p17
Dave & Amanda Tate	A1, p53
Melissa Arseneault	A1, p56
James Bellamy (Whangarei Head Landcare Forum)	A1, p57
Emma Craig (Save the Kiwi)	A1, p58
Knox Henderson	A1, p65
Ellie Smith	A1, p65
John Gardner	A8, p1

Attachment 8 - Late submissions

The feedback in the following table was received after the closing date of consultation.

Receipt Number	Name (organisation)	Submission
Email-35	John Gardner	<p>I'd like the current policy to be changed, to allow dogs on a leash to be walked on Kauri Mountain Beach. It's my local beach, and while what I suggest might also be relevant to other beaches, this is the beach that I'm interested in. At the moment, dogs are completely banned from the beach, whether or not they are on a leash.</p> <p>The Department of Conservation tells me it's because there might be birds nesting in the dunes adjoining the beach, and they want to prevent dogs disturbing the nests. They agree with me that walking a dog on a leash on the sand wouldn't be a problem, but are worried about dogs being let off the leash and running up to the sand dunes.</p> <p>I asked why they don't therefore just allow dogs on a leash. The answer was 'because some people might take them off the leash'. I submit that this is illogical, inconsistent with how the law normally works and is just plain silly. It's like saying 'all cars are banned from Whangarei because some people might break the speed limit'.</p> <p>Most dog owners are law-abiding. Those who aren't will ignore the rules anyway. So please let those of us who like to walk on the beach and take a dog on a leash with us to do so, by changing the current 'dogs are banned' restriction to 'dogs on a leash'.</p> <p>Happy to speak to this at the July 3 hearing if you'd like.</p>

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

1.	The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}
2.	To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i))}.
3.	To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.
4.	Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.
5.	To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section7(2)(c)(i)}.
6.	In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.
7.	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

Move/Second

"That _____ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item_____.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because_____.

Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.