



KOMITI ITI WHAKAWĀ HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE

12 May 2025

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt,
on:

Monday 19 May 2025 commencing at 9:30 am

The hearing will be livestreamed on the Council's YouTube page.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider submissions on the review of the
draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

Membership

Cr K Brown	Cr A Mitchell (Chair)
Cr N Shaw (Alternate)	Cr T Stallinger

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with
a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a
glorious day.*

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies have been received.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4. DRAFT DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

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5. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

6. CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIONS BY THE HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE

7. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness</i>
Unuhia!	<i>of our tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free in heart,</i>
Kia wātea, kia mā mā	<i>body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
te ara takatū	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
ake ki runga	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

Kathryn Stannard
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Report no: HSC2025/2/134

Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw hearing of submissions

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Subcommittee to:
 - a. accept and hear the submissions received on the draft Dog Control Policy (the draft policy) and the draft Dog Control Bylaw (the draft bylaw) at [this link](#).
 - b. seek decisions on amendments that are to be included in the final policy and final bylaw;
 - c. seek a recommendation from the Subcommittee on whether the final policy and final bylaw should be adopted.
2. The final policy and bylaw are scheduled to be considered by Council on 29 July 2025.

Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

- (1) receives and notes the report;
- (2) notes on 25 March 2025, Council approved the Statement of Proposal for the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw for formal consultation as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (3) notes that 976 survey submissions and 20 email submissions were circulated to the members prior to the hearing;
- (4) receives and considers 976 survey submissions and 20 email submissions (at this [link](#)) received during the consultation period from 26 March to 2 April 2025
- (5) notes that the Subcommittee's recommendations on whether to adopt the final Dog Control Policy and final Dog Control Bylaw will be considered by the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee on 1 July 2025 and by Council on 29 July 2025; and
- (6) notes that officers will incorporate the Subcommittee's changes into a revised final Dog Control Policy and final Dog Control Bylaw, including additional marked changes, for recommendation to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

For the reason that the Hearing Subcommittee has the authority to make recommendations to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Background

3. The Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) includes criteria for making changes to dog control policies and dog control bylaws at sections 10 and 20 of the Act. These include:
 - a. councils need to minimise danger and nuisance to the community generally;
 - b. designating fees, licences and owner education programmes;
 - c. issuing fines and disqualifying owners; and
 - d. designating exercise and prohibition areas.

Early Engagement

4. Following early engagement with responses from 1317 people, on 25 March 2025, Council approved formal consultation taking place from 26 March to 26 April 2025 on the proposed changes to the policy and bylaw.
5. Following early engagement, proposed changes to the policy and the bylaw were developed in consultation with internal stakeholders and external feedback from early engagement. The proposed changes include:
 - a. general map updates;
 - b. changes to specific areas in the city (eg Honiana Te Puni Reserve and Avalon Park);
 - c. limits on the number of dogs a private individual can walk (with exemptions available);
 - d. adding a commercial dog walking licence; and
 - e. smaller changes to the policy and bylaw wording to better reflect the Act and improve clarity.

Discussion

Submissions received

6. The Statement of Proposal containing the consultation material and draft policy and bylaw showing the proposed changes is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
7. During the consultation period, 976 responses were received via the survey and 20 via email. The full set of submissions was provided to the Subcommittee on 29 April 2025.
8. To assist the Subcommittee's consideration of the submissions, a high-level analysis is set out in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Survey Response Analysis

Question	Statistical responses	Common response themes
Are you a registered dog owner?	Yes – 853 (87.4%) No – 123 (12.6%)	
Do you live in Lower Hutt?	Yes – 863 (88.4%) No – 18 (1.8%) No, but I visit with my dog(s) – 95 (9.7%)	
Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?	Yes – 550 (71%) Neutral – 115 (14.8%) No – 79 (10.2%) Don't know – 31 (4%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owner responsibility Increase enforcement More educational signage Cyclists are a safety issue
Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?	Yes – 355 (73.8%) Neutral – 34 (7.1%) No – 89 (18.5%) Don't know – 3 (0.6%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't make cost prohibitive Maximum limit of dogs Ensure high standards
Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?	Yes – 332 (63.4%) Neutral – 45 (8.6%) No – 137 (26.1%) Don't know – 10 (1.9%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider size of dog Maximum 2-3 dogs per person Don't make cost prohibitive
Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw	Yes – 480 (85.6%) Neutral – 40 (7.1%) No – 40 (7.1%) Don't know – 1 (0.2%)	
If you do support making one option to be used consistently, which approach do you prefer?	Use daylight saving time as the standard across all relevant areas – 106 (20%) Use specific months (e.g. December to March) as a standard across all relevant areas – 372 (70.2%) Neutral – 52 (9.8%)	
Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?	Yes – 178 (31.4%) Neutral – 48 (8.5%) No – 336 (59.3%) Don't know – 5 (0.9%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-lead access to freshwater stream is important Most popular area in city Target specific parts of the reserve for on-lead areas
Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?	Yes – 238 (72.6%) Neutral – 28 (8.5%) No – 52 (15.9%) Don't know – 10 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park needs bags and bins Footballers use it
Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?	Yes – 226 (76.1%) Neutral – 26 (8.8%) No – 42 (14.1%) Don't know – 3 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on sea birds Increase enforcement
Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?	I support completely prohibiting dogs from this section of Avalon Park – 90 (17.4%) I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere) – 427 (82.6%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enforcement Improve signage Owner responsibility to keep on-lead Change will make it hard for families with kids and dogs

Question	Statistical responses	Common response themes
Do you support this change to York Park, Moerā?	Yes – 208 (82.2%) Neutral – 25 (9.9%) No – 16 (6.3%) Don't know – 4 (1.6%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park needs bags and bins • Welcomed change • Increase enforcement
Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?	Yes – 226 (77.1%) Neutral – 33 (11.3%) No – 28 (9.6%) Don't know – 6 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide bags and bins • Increase enforcement
Do you support this change to Bell Park?	Yes – 274 (78.7%) Neutral – 17 (4.9%) No – 53 (15.2%) Don't know – 4 (1.1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against, for safety reasons • Parks need bags and bins • Support more exercise areas
Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?	Yes – 199 (86.1%) Neutral – 18 (7.8%) No – 9 (3.9%) Don't know – 5 (2.2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support • Build fences around it
Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?	Yes – 216 (80.9%) Neutral – 19 (7.1%) No – 26 (9.7%) Don't know – 6 (2.2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds nesting in area • Canals need upkeep
Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank? (North of Belmont Reserve)	Yes – 414 (87.2%) Neutral – 32 (6.7%) No – 24 (5.1%) Don't know – 5 (1.1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase enforcement • Bags and bins • Signage • Cyclists
Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank? (Between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East)	Yes – 427 (86.6%) Neutral – 31 (6.3%) No – 26 (5.3%) Don't know – 9 (1.8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Bags and bins • Increase enforcement • Owner responsibility
Additional comments: Other proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw primarily include administrative changes, alignment with the Dog Control Act, and additional wording to clarify existing content. You can read those changes to the Policy and Bylaw in the Statement of Proposal here. If you have any comments to make about those other changes, please include them below.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase enforcement • Owner responsibility • Public safety • Cyclists safety issue • Make a new dog park • Motorised bikes on riverbank safety issue • Improve dog education • Against change in Honiana Te Puni Reserve • Against change in Avalon Park

Survey analysis

9. Overall, there is broad support for most of the proposed changes.
10. Two areas that received critical feedback were the proposed changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve (the Reserve) and Avalon Park, with other notable feedback received about bird protection, shared paths, lead length and owner responsibility to control their dogs. These are discussed in more detail below.

Honiana Te Puni Reserve

11. The proposed changes align with the development of the reserve management plan between Council and the landowners, Taranaki Whānui. The plan aims to futureproof the area in accordance with the cultural and commercial vision for the location. This includes:
 - a. new integrated club buildings and carpark (completed);
 - b. a new multi-purpose whare West of Korokoro Stream; and
 - c. three tāwharau pods to host community events, in the Western section of the Reserve.
12. The proposed change at the Reserve is intended to leave the balance of the previous dog exercise area on the adjoining Petone beach area West of the wharf unchanged.
13. The proposed change to the Reserve to make it an on-lead area received considerable negative feedback in the survey, with 178 (31.4%) supportive, 48 (8.5%) neutral and 336 (59.3%) non-supportive responses.
14. The opposing feedback referenced how widely used the Reserve is, how important off-lead access to grass areas and the freshwater stream away from the shared pathway are to dog owners, and suggested alternatives to the proposed blanket change to the entire Reserve.

Avalon Park

15. The proposed change to prohibit dogs from the southern section of Avalon Park also received considerable negative responses during consultation (90 (17.4%) supportive and 427 (82.6%) non-supportive survey responses).
16. The proposed change stems from Council's legislative requirement, through the Act, to prohibit uncontrolled dog access to places frequented by children, such as playgrounds and other similar amenities. The requirements give councils the power to make rules to avoid or minimise the danger to the safety of children in or around such amenities.
17. Feedback suggested it should be the responsibility of dog owners to follow the existing rules, that the proposed change will make it hard for families with dogs who walk their dogs and take their kids to the park at the same time, and that they would rather see increased signage and enforcement than a blanket ban on dogs from the area.

Shared paths

18. Considerable feedback was received during early engagement about common issues with shared paths and how people are using them.
19. Because shared paths are widely used by dog walkers, the Council opted to pursue an educational approach rather than seeking to prohibit one group of users from shared paths.
20. This approach to managing shared paths is consistent across the region.
21. Overall, survey respondents were supportive of Council taking an educational approach to shared pathways such as those along the Riverbank. 550 (71%) respondents were supportive, 115 (14.8%) were neutral, and 79 (10.2%) were non-supportive.
22. Some respondents raised concerns about inconsiderate behaviour on shared paths, including when cyclists pass people walking dogs too quickly and without warning.
23. There were also concerns raised about dog owners not managing their dogs on-lead and off-lead according to the rules provided for in the Act and existing policy and bylaw (eg dogs on extendable leads creating issues).
24. While the draft policy and draft bylaw already contain provisions to control dogs on and off-lead, a lack of owner responsibility for their dogs in public areas remains a common concern for people who provided written submissions.

Kororā and other sea birds

25. A few respondents raised concerns over Council moving kororā nests at Sunset Point.
26. The proposed prohibition of dogs from part of Sunset Point relates to resource consent conditions for partially removing Point Howard Wharf, which require Council to provide a new nesting habitat for Kororā in the area.
27. A few respondents also raised concerns about uncontrolled dogs posing a risk to seabirds in the Eastern Bays despite provisions put in place in 2024 to implement the resource consent conditions for Tupua Horo Nuku.

Hearing Subcommittee Process

28. The hearings schedule is attached to Appendix 2 to the report. Subsequent changes to the schedule will be advised before the hearing commences.
29. The speakers who wish to present their submissions are organised in the order of the hearing schedule attached as Appendix 3 to the report.
30. Five minutes have been allocated for individual hearings and 10 minutes for the SPCA and Mainland Island Restoration Operations (MIRO).

Next steps

31. Following the Subcommittee's deliberations, the Subcommittee will make recommendations to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee on 1 July 2025 and Council on 29 July 2025.

Options

32. Table 2 provides options and analysis to support the Subcommittee's decision-making.

Table 2: Options

Options	Impact
Option one – recommend to the Committee without amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May receive negative public response who feel their feedback was not considered. - Would meet the statutory requirements.
Option two (recommended) - recommend to the Committee with minor amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would meet the statutory requirements without requiring further consultation.
Option three - recommend to the Committee with significant amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant changes may require further engagement to meet consultation requirements under the LGA and the Act.

Climate Change Impact and Considerations

33. There are no climate change considerations associated with the decision to accept submissions.

Formal Consultation

34. Formal public consultation was undertaken using the Special Consultative Procedure, in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA).
35. Registered dog owners were contacted to inform them of the survey. To help inform the wider public, consultation signage was placed in various locations in the city, and social media posts were made to promote the consultation period.
36. All submitters have had the opportunity to indicate whether they would like to speak to their submission at a hearing. Those who indicated that they wished to speak have been contacted to arrange a time during the hearing.

Legal Considerations

37. To ensure due process, it is important that the Subcommittee receives and considers submissions with an open mind.
38. The proposed changes within the draft policy and draft bylaw meet the legislative requirements of the LGA and the Act.
39. Sections 82 and 83 of the LGA and section 10(8) of the Act include consultation requirements.

Financial Considerations

40. There are no budgetary implications associated with the decision to accept submission.

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Statement of Proposal

Draft Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw

Summary of Proposal

The Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) requires councils to adopt a dog control policy. To implement the Policy, councils can also adopt a dog control bylaw at their discretion.

Under the Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA), councils must review their bylaws within five years of being made, and then subsequently reviewed within ten years after the date of any previous review.

Section 10AA of the Act requires Council to review its policy if the bylaw implementing the policy requires review.

Council's Dog Control Policy (the Policy) and Dog Control Bylaw (the Bylaw) were last reviewed in 2015 and are now required to be reviewed by December 2025.

What does the Dog Control Policy do?

The purpose of the Policy is to outline how Hutt City Council will address requirements under the Act. Residents of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt can refer to the Policy to better understand what regulatory controls are in place to ensure that dog owners and other users share public spaces safely and responsibly.

The Policy includes:

- expected behaviour of a good dog-owner;
- identification of dog exercise areas and prohibition areas;
- licensing and registration requirements; and
- enforcement actions of Council's Animal Control Services.

What does the Dog Control Bylaw do?

The Act gives territorial authorities the means to develop a bylaw to enforce the regulatory controls set out in the policy and Act, such as:

- general controls in public places;
- standards for the keeping of dogs;
- setting and collecting registration fees; and
- licensing exemptions.

Residents can refer to the Bylaw to understand how Hutt City Council enforces all aspects of dog control within the city.

Proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw described in this Statement of Proposal include:

- minor changes to improve clarity;
- administrative changes; and
- updated maps of dog prohibition areas and dog exercise areas.

Authority to undertake reviews

Section 10 of the Act requires councils to have a policy. Section 20 of the Act provides for councils to establish a bylaw to enforce the Policy and Act. The statutory authority to undertake the review of the Policy and Bylaw comes from both the Act and the LGA.

Under the Act, a new bylaw must be reviewed within five years of being made, and then subsequently reviewed within ten years after the date of any previous review. The current Dog Control Bylaw was last reviewed in December 2015, and therefore the review is required by December 2025.

Section 10AA(2) of the Act provides that the councils must review the bylaw by making the determinations required under Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 in the context of a reconsideration of the matters in Section 10(4) of the Act. Only the Council can make these determinations, and this authority cannot be delegated.

Section 10AA also outlines the processes that must be followed after the review has been completed. If the Council considers that the bylaw should be amended, revoked, or revoked and replaced, it must deal with the bylaw under section 156 of the LGA (relating to consultation requirements) and if appropriate amend its policy.

Section 10AA of the Act requires a council to review its policy if the bylaw implementing the policy requires review. Section 10 of the Act allows the Council, in accordance with the special consultative procedure, to adopt an amended policy at any time.

The regulatory scope and requirements are set out in Section 10 of the Act for dog control policies, and section 20 for dog control bylaws. Section 10(2) of the Act requires that the Council give notice of any draft policy to all registered dog owners.

As the bylaw is made under the authority of two Acts, the requirements of both must be considered. The bylaw must be made using the processes set out in the LGA and may be made to address a range of matters set out in Section 20 of the Act. As the policy must be reviewed when the bylaw is reviewed, the Act requires councils use the special consultative procedure for both the policy and the bylaw, and that these processes be conducted concurrently.

Section 83 of the LGA requires that a Statement of Proposal be prepared and adopted as part of the Special Consultative Procedure.

The review of the bylaw requires analysis of Section 155 of the LGA. This analysis involves a determination of whether or not a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing a perceived problem. If it is identified as being the most appropriate way of addressing a problem, the Council must decide whether the bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and whether or not the bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA).

Early engagement

Initial feedback was sought from the public on several questions related to dog ownership and enforcement of rules. Of the 1,317 responses received, 1,301 were Lower Hutt residents, and 1,269 were dog owners. Overall, respondents were satisfied with dog exercise areas and the management of dogs on marked sports fields and shared paths. Table 1 below outlines the results of the early engagement:

Table 1: Results of early engagement

Question	Yes	No	Not sure/ rather not say	Comments

Are you a dog owner? (1317 responses)	96.3% (1269)	3% (39)	0.7% (9)	N/A	
Do you ever take care of someone else's dog in Lower Hutt? (47 responses)	29.8% (14)	61.7% (29)	8.5% (4)	This question was only asked of people who answered no to the dog owner question.	
Do the dog exercise areas in Lower Hutt meet your needs? (1316 responses)	62% (811)	25% (335)	13% (170)	From respondents that are not satisfied or unsure, most responses cited: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public safety issues• Dog owner responsibility issues• More dog exercise options needed• Accessibility/closer to home• More fenced areas for safety• Better maintenance and infrastructure• Year-round beach access• Use of school grounds when not in use	
Do you visit dog exercise areas outside your suburb? (1290 responses)	66% (855)	33% (424)	1% (11)	The following areas are reported as most visited:	
				Hutt Riverbanks	650
				Petone Beach area: West of Petone Wharf	595
				Petone Beach East	465
				Eastbourne: Muritai Beach	274
				Petone: Sladden Park	225
				Days Bay	204
				Petone Recreation Ground	196
				Petone: Western side of Te Mome Stream	166
				Hutt Recreation Ground	149
				Petone: North Park	102
Alicetown: Ava Park	101				
Do you have any issues with how dogs are managed around marked fields? (1295 responses)	16% (214)	71% (915)	13% (166)	Of the 29% of respondents that said yes or not sure, most comments were about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues with dogs being on or off lead;• Being able to use marked fields when not in use; and• Lack of dog owner responsibility.	
Do you have any issues with how dogs are managed on shared paths? (1250 responses)	21% (268)	72% (899)	7% (83)	Of the 28% of respondents that said yes or not sure, comments focused mostly on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyclists;• Dogs being off lead;• Owner responsibility; and• Public safety.	
Do you have any specific issues related to dog control in Lower Hutt? (498 responses – text box)	Most common themes in the responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roaming dogs are an issue (217)• More enforcement required (167)• Public safety issues (155)• Owner responsibility (98)• Barking dogs (51)				

Summary of proposed changes

Clarification and administrative changes

Where a particular section of the Act is referenced in the Policy, wording has been amended to more accurately reflect the contents of the Act.

Map-related changes

There are proposed changes to areas along the Lower Hutt Riverbank, Honiana Te Puni Reserve (Petone), and Sunset Point (Seaview), Avalon Park (Avalon), York Park (Moera), Bell Park (Waiwhetu), and the Eastern section of Richard Prouse Park (Wainuiomata). These changes are made clear in our consultation questions. In addition, there are minor changes to other maps proposed, including tidying preexisting maps within the Bylaw for clarity (e.g. amending a map to ensure it lines up with an access point).

Commercial licence and limiting dog numbers

Council is proposing to add a commercial licence for professional dog walkers, and an exemption for people wishing to walk four or more dogs (non-commercially). This is to help ensure they can manage multiple dogs in a public place. The commercial dog walkers' licence will include officers checking the competency of those applying. In the case of non-commercial dog walkers, it will be an exemption rather than a licence. The exemption will be granted at Council's discretion and may require proof of competency.

This change is being proposed due to issues arising from dog walkers losing control of the large numbers of dogs they are walking and Council receiving complaints from the community.

Always maintaining control of your dog, regardless of it being on a lead, is an essential part of the Bylaw and Policy. The impact of this proposed change will primarily affect those individuals walking other peoples' dogs rather than private dog owners.

Council determines this change to the Bylaw is the most appropriate way of controlling commercial dog walkers (and controlling non-commercial dog walkers who wish to walk four or more dogs). This is because of the potential safety risk to both the general public and other dogs, as well as the potential for nuisance to the community from uncontrolled dogs. Council is proposing to make this change for groups of four or more dogs (that are under the responsibility of one individual).

This proposed change to licence commercial dog walkers will help to promote dog walking professionals who are experienced and are effective dog handlers. This will allow the community to have greater confidence when choosing professionals they pay to look after their dogs. Implementing this proposed change will give Animal Services officers the ability to enforce the rules when there are instances of irresponsible and unsafe dog handling.

The proposed change to require commercial dog walkers to apply for a license was introduced by Wellington City Council during their last review of their dog control measures. This change in Lower Hutt would help to make the rules consistent across the two neighbouring communities.

Council could have implemented a ban on walking more than four dogs. However, Council recognises the need for quality-assured commercial dog walking services (and in some cases a private individual needing to walk more than four dogs), and this license requirement supports this. Therefore, Council proposes that this change to the Bylaw is the most appropriate form of the Bylaw.

Working dogs in the Policy

Council is proposing to amend its Policy to include some additional wording around working dogs as well as a working dogs registration form, to provide clarity to the community, and reflect what is prescribed under the Act.

Under Section 36 of the Act, working dogs are required to be registered by the age of 3 months. Under Section 37(2)(b) of the Act, Council may fix fees for working dogs that are lower than would otherwise be payable to non-working dogs.

This proposed change to the wording of the Policy will help to address confusion around the definition of “working dogs” by directing community members to the [Act’s definition](#) and the Council’s fees schedule.

You can find the fees and charges for dogs [at this link](#).

A summary of all proposed changes is provided in the table below.

Summary of proposed changes to Council’s Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

Issues/Themes	Source	Impact	Comment/proposal
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Roaming dogs	Survey feedback	Safety concerns	The Bylaw and Policy provide appropriate rules and powers for managing roaming dogs. No change.
Not enough enforcement	Survey feedback	Nuisance and safety concerns	The Bylaw provides appropriate powers for officers to enforce the rules. No change.
Public safety	Survey feedback	Safety concerns	The Bylaw and Policy provide appropriate rules and powers for keeping people and dogs safe. No change.
Irresponsible owners	Survey feedback	Nuisance and safety concerns	The Bylaw and Policy provide appropriate powers for officers to issue infringements and warnings to irresponsible dog owners. No change.
Barking dogs	Survey feedback	Nuisance	The Bylaw and Policy provide appropriate rules and powers for managing barking dogs. No change.
Issues on shared paths	Survey & internal feedback	Safety concerns	Focus on educational approach to shared spaces (e.g. paths running through dog exercise areas).
Unclear wording in Policy and Bylaw	Internal feedback	Lack of clarity	Update wording where appropriate.
Policy and Bylaw could better reflect the Act	Internal feedback	Lack of clarity	Review the Policy and Bylaw against the Act and update where appropriate.
Inaccurate maps	Internal feedback	Lack of clarity	Review and update all maps in the Bylaw.
Proposed amendments to maps in significant areas	Survey & internal feedback	Changes dog exercise and dog on-lead areas in specific locations	Review and update relevant maps in the Bylaw to show amended dog exercise and dog-on-lead areas.
Maps do not align with	Consent conditions	Changes the dog on-lead	Review and update the relevant map.

consent conditions		area at Sunset Point, Seaview	
Would like more dog exercise areas	Survey feedback	Changes to dog on-lead and exercise areas	Review and update the relevant map and wording in the Bylaw.
Licence for commercial dog walkers	Internal feedback & complaints	Safety concerns	Amend Bylaw to include licensing for commercial dog walkers
Limits on the number of dogs individuals can walk – and exemptions	Internal and external feedback	Safety concerns	Amend Bylaw to include wording for controlling the number of dogs an individual can walk, and the opportunity for people to apply for an exemption to the rule.
Inconsistent summertime restrictions	Internal feedback	Lack of clarity	Review and update relevant wording (e.g. refer to summer months or daylight saving).

Council has made the following determinations in relation to the review of the Policy and Bylaw:

Defining the perceived problem

Under section 145 of the LGA, councils may make bylaws for the purpose of:

- protecting the public from nuisance;
- protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety; and
- minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

The perceived problems with dogs and dog control are:

- nuisance behaviours, such as barking and aggressive behaviour;
- public health concerns including issues with dog faeces not being picked up by owners or left by roaming dogs;
- perceived lack of responsible ownership including failure to respect rules of Bylaw;

- perceived lack of bylaw enforcement; and
- perceived lack of dog friendly spaces.

Most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem

The intention of the Policy and the Bylaw is to supplement existing legislation in relation to dogs rather than to duplicate it. Specific legislation in relation to dogs includes:

- Dog Control Act 1996 – sets out the law about legal obligations of dog ownership, including their care, control and owner responsibilities for damage caused by their dog.
- Animal Welfare Act 1999 and related codes of welfare – animal owners are required to provide for the physical, health and behavioural needs of their animals, such as food, water, shelter and appropriate exercise. The act is enforced by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Under Section 141, approved organisations may take animals into their custody, following which they must take reasonable steps to locate or contact the owner. One possibility, if the owner cannot be identified, is to destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal. Currently, the only “approved organisation” under the act is the SPCA. Councils have no role or functions under this act.
- Health Act 1956 – The act gives powers for councils to address general health nuisances. The abatement of these nuisances can be done by Council Environment Health officers without creation of additional bylaws. Officers have the ability, if necessary, to enter a premises without notice to the occupier and abate the nuisance.
- The District Plan and the Resource Management Act –contain rules around noise and where kennels can be established.

Council bylaws may only address problems within Council’s bylaw-making power. The bylaw-making power must be exercised for the relevant statutory purpose, and all bylaws must be reasonable. The bylaw-making power in Section 20 of Act is restricted to addressing matters which properly arise out of the control of dogs and not the mere existence or presence of dogs within Lower Hutt boundaries.

The language of the bylaw-making power in Section 20 of the Act indicates a restricted role for territorial authorities, limited to regulating matters that properly arise out of the control of dogs. Any perceived problems potentially requiring a bylaw response must arise in that context e.g. the control of dogs

in public places, in restricted areas and within dog friendly spaces across Lower Hutt.

Council has assessed that a bylaw and its associated policy continues to be the most appropriate way to regulate the control of dogs within the requirements of the legislation.

Implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

Under Section 155(3) of the LGA, the Council is required to consider whether the proposed Bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBoRA).

The Dog Control Act allows councils to develop bylaws that restrict access to specified public places for the purposes of dog control. Given that restrictions are permitted, a corresponding restriction on freedom of movement (if any) can be understood as a reasonable and justified limitation. In summary, there are no NZBoRA implications relating to the activities regulated in the Dog Control Bylaw.

The Act also includes a power to regulate “for any other purpose that... is, in the opinion of the territorial authority, necessary or desirable to further the control of dogs.” On this basis, the focus on wildlife, biodiversity and habitat protection in the Policy and Bylaw has strong alignment with other work the Council is doing.

The Bylaw enables most residents to keep dogs if they wish, within the parameters set by the Policy and Bylaw which fairly balance the potential impacts on other people. Council’s assessment is that the NZBORA rights are not impacted by the proposed changes to the Bylaw and Policy.

Proposed changes

It is Council’s view that the proposed changes outlined in the Bylaw and Policy are:

- within the authorising provisions of the Act and the LGA;
- consistent with each other; and
- in line with the Section 155 obligations for the procedure of making bylaws within the LGA.

How to have your say

We want your feedback on the proposed Policy and Bylaw.

You can provide feedback in multiple ways:

- make an online submission at haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz;
- make a paper submission at any of our Neighbourhood Hubs;
- email your submission to policy@huttcity.govt.nz with 'Dog Control' in the email subject line; or
- drop off a submission at the front counter at Councils' offices at 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt.

Timetable for consultation

The consultation is open from 26 March – 26 April 2025

Privacy Statement

We require your name, contact details and the suburb you live in as part of your feedback. All feedback will be published on our website with your name. All other personal or commercially sensitive information (including your email address and suburb) will be removed. Publishing feedback in full supports a transparent process and will assist in the public hearing process. If you have specific reasons for not wanting your feedback publicly released, please contact policy@huttcity.govt.nz.

The feedback form asks for the suburb you live in to better understand how you are impacted by the changes happening in your suburb.

Public Hearings

The feedback form also asks if you want to present directly to Councillors at a hearing. If you state that you do want to present to Councillors, you will be contacted by council staff to arrange a time for you to speak.

Feedback will be considered by Council regardless of whether you wish to present your views at a hearing or not. Final decisions will be made in July 2025 and the Bylaw and Policy will be adopted in July 2025.

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Questions to consider

Shared pathways in Lower Hutt

Early engagement on the Policy and Bylaw revealed that some members of the community have issues with how shared paths that go through dog exercise areas are managed.

This includes the shared pathways through Hutt Riverbank. As this is a popular dog exercise area, we are proposing to maintain current dog control measures, apart from moving the dog exercise area slightly further from the stopbank path (which is currently a dog on-lead pathway). You can view this proposed change in the [interactive map here](#).

However, to support safe use of shared pathways, Council plans to enhance educational materials, including signage.

Q: Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Q: Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways

A: [free-text box]

Licence for commercial dog walkers

Council is proposing a new commercial licence for commercial dog walkers to ensure they can safely manage multiple dogs in public spaces. As part of this process, officers would assess applicants' ability to control multiple dogs.

This change is being proposed in response to public complaints and instances where dog walkers have lost control of large groups of dogs. Maintaining control of a dog—on or off a lead—is a key requirement under the current Dog Bylaw, Policy and the Act.

Under this proposal, individuals walking dogs for commercial purposes would need a license. This approach aims to:

- improve public safety and reduce nuisance complaints;
- ensure professional dog walkers meet a competency standard; and
- align Lower Hutt's rules with Wellington City Council's recent dog control measures to manage commercial dog walkers.

This licensing option was chosen to support professional dog walking services while ensuring responsible practices.

Survey Questions

1. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?
 - Yes
 - Neutral
 - No
 - Don't know
2. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?
 - [Free-text box]

Limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk

Council is proposing a rule to limit the number of dogs one person can walk to four at any given time without an exemption. The exemption will apply to private dog owners who own or walk more than four dogs (not commercial dog walkers).

Please note, the exemption to walk more than four dogs is different from the licence to own additional dogs in Clause 3 of the Bylaw. For those people who own more than four dogs, there will be no additional charge to receive an exemption to walk more than four dogs.

Survey Questions:

1. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?
 - Yes
 - Neutral (Neither support nor oppose)
 - No
 - Don't know
2. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?
 - [Free-text box]

Inconsistent wording for summertime restrictions

Currently, the Bylaw defines summer dog restrictions on beaches in two different ways:

- some areas use daylight saving time (e.g. dogs are prohibited during daylight saving at specific times).
- other areas use specific months (e.g. dogs are prohibited from December to March).

Council is considering making the wording consistent across all relevant areas.

Survey Questions:

1. Would you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw?
 - Yes
 - Neutral (Neither support nor oppose)

- No
- Don't know

2. (If Yes to Q1, ask:) Which approach would you prefer?

- Option 1: Use daylight saving time as the standard across all relevant areas.
- Option 2: Use specific months (e.g. December to March) as the standard across all relevant areas.

Sunset Point, Seaview



Q: Council has applied for consent to relocate Korora/Little Blue Penguin nesting locations from sites on Point Howard Wharf to this new location next to Seaview Marina. Currently classed as a local purpose reserve (dogs on-lead area), a small section of Sunset Point/Seaview Marina will be fenced off and dogs will be prohibited to accommodate nesting sites for the Korora. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).

Do you support this change to Sunset Point?

- Yes
- Neutral
- No
- Don't know
- Q: Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

A: [free-text box]

Honiana Te Puni Reserve, Petone

As part of the development of a Reserve Management Plan for Honiana Te Puni Reserve alongside Te Ara Tupua (shared pathway along the highway), Council is proposing to amend dog control measures in the Reserve (as pictured below).

The proposed changes will make Honiana Te Puni Reserve, and the shared pathway that will go through it, a dog on-lead area rather than a dog exercise area. As the map shows, the dog exercise area between the carpark and Petone Wharf has been moved away from the road, shared pathway, and carpark so that it lines up with the beach and grassy areas, where dogs can be exercised safely.



The proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve will not impact the dog exercise area on the beach from the Western side of Petone Wharf to the Reserve's carpark. The Reserve's carpark will also remain accessible to dogs on-lead. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).

Q: Do you support the proposed change in Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Follow up Q: Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

A: [free-text box]

York Park, Moera

Council is proposing to change the dog on-lead area to a dog exercise area in York Park to provide a greater opportunity for dogs to exercise there. (This location does not contain marked sports fields). You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Follow up Q: Do you have any comments about the proposed change in York Park?

A: [free-text box]

Richard Prouse Park – Eastern Section, Wainuiomata

Council is proposing to change a dog on-lead area to a dog exercise area in the Eastern section of Richard Prouse Park because this section is not used as marked sports fields. This will give dog owners a better opportunity to exercise their dogs away from the sports fields to the Western side of the park. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Q: Do you support this change?

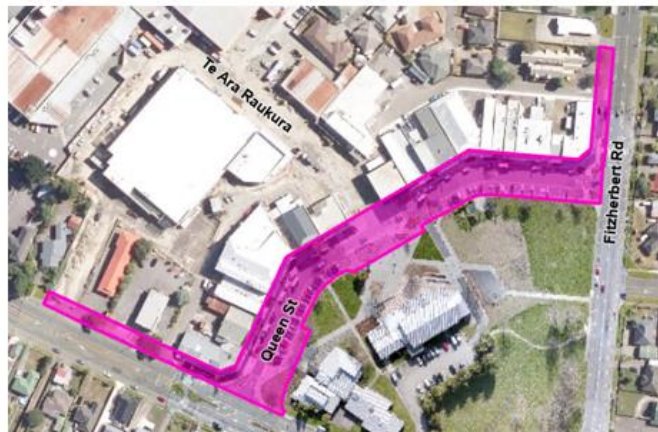
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Follow up Q: Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

A: [free-text box]

Wainuiomata Prohibition Areas

Council is proposing to remove the residential and commercial prohibition areas below and revert their status to dogs on lead. These areas are the between Upper Fitzherbert Road and Honey Street, Queen Street, and the corner of Ruthven Road and Castlereck Street.



Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Follow up Q: Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

A: [free-text box]

Bell Park, Waiwhetu

Council is proposing to change a dog on-lead area to a dog exercise area in Bell Park to give dog owners a greater opportunity to exercise their dogs there. This exercise area excludes the marked field at the Southern end of the park. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Follow up Q: Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Bell Park?

A: [free-text box]

Drainage Reserve between Konini and Parkway, Wainuiomata

Council is proposing to change this drainage reserve to a dog off-lead area for consistency with other drainage reserves in the area. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Q: Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

A: text box

Avalon Park, Avalon

Following the increased use of Avalon Park, Council received internal feedback from officers that the entire Southern end of Avalon Park would be safer (given the playground, bike park and introduction of the skate park) with dogs prohibited (note: dogs will still be allowed on-lead in the Northern section of the park beyond the prohibition area pictured below).

The current restrictions at the Southern end of Avalon Park are dogs on-lead on formed walking paths, and dogs prohibited in all other areas. You can view

the proposed change to prohibit dogs from the Southern section of Avalon Park on this [interactive map here](#).



Council wants to seek community feedback on this location given its increased usage since the area was last reviewed.

Survey questions:

Q: Would you support completely prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer to keep the current rules?

- Option 1: I support completely prohibiting dogs from this section of Avalon Park.

- Option 2: I prefer to keep the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere).

Waddington Canal, Naenae

The current restrictions through Waddington Canal are dogs on-lead. Council is proposing to make those areas marked in yellow as dog exercise areas to improve dog exercising opportunities there. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Survey questions:

Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Q: Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal

A: text box

Western Hutt Riverbank – North of Owen Street, Belmont

Council is proposing to extend the dog exercise area from the Northern end of Owen Street (Belmont Reserve – map 6) on the Western side of the Hutt Riverbank up to where the pathway narrows below map 40. (This is opposite the Northern end of Taita Drive meeting High Street on the Eastern side of the river). You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Survey questions:

Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Q: Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

A: [free text box]

Eastern Hutt Riverbank – Croft Grove to Ava Bridge East End

Council is proposing to introduce a new dog exercise area that is currently a dog on-lead area. This would extend the pre-existing dog exercise area that is North of Ava Bridge East to Croft Grove. You can view the proposed changes on this [interactive map here](#).



Survey questions:

Q: Do you support this change?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

Q: Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

A: [free text box]

Additional comments

Other proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw primarily include administrative changes, alignment with the Dog Control Act, and additional wording to clarify existing content.

If you have any comments to make about those other changes, please include them below.

A: [free-text box]

Appendix 1: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Hutt City

Council Dog

Control Bylaw

2025

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1. Interpretation

- 1.1 In this ~~Bylaw~~ bylaw, unless inconsistent with the context, or where otherwise expressly provided:
- **Commercial dog walker** means any individual or business that walks or trains dogs in public spaces in exchange for payment.
 - **Dog Exercise Area** means an area within a public place that is specified by ordinary Council resolution to be a dog exercise area where dogs may be exercised off the lead.
 - **Dog Park** means a Dog Exercise Area that is defined and fenced, used solely for the purpose of dog exercise and contains specific additional amenities.
 - **Dog Prohibition Area** has the meaning set out in clause ~~11~~8.2 of this ~~Bylaw~~ bylaw.
 - **Household Unit** means a building or group of buildings, or part of a building or group of buildings, used principally for residential purposes and occupied exclusively as the home or residence of one household.
 - **Land** means a separately owned or occupied portion of land.
 - **Reserve** means any open space, plantation, park, garden or ground set apart for public recreation or enjoyment which is under the management and control of ~~the~~ Council and includes all land administered by ~~the~~ Council under the Reserves Act 1977.
 - **Sports Surface** includes any Council land used for sporting activities, whether permanently or temporarily marked, including athletic fields, playing fields, playing courts and other constructions provided for sporting purposes.
- 1.2 The expressions "Dog Control Officer", "Dog Ranger", "Owner", "Public Place", "Working Dog", "Disability Assist Dog" ~~"Guide Dog"~~ ~~"Companion Dog"~~ and ~~"Hearing Ear Dog"~~ have the same meaning as in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

2. Limitation on Number of Dogs Permitted on Land or Premises

- 2.1 No person shall keep more than two dogs over the age of three months on any premises unless they have a licence or exemption from ~~the~~ Council under clause 3.
- 2.2 No person may exercise (on-lead or off-lead) more than four dogs at any time in a public place without an exemption or Commercial Dog Walker's licence.
- 3.2 Council will have discretion to waive licensing requirements and issue an exemption on a case-by-case basis. Any persons wishing to be considered for an exemption should contact Council's Animal Services team.

4.3. Licensing of Additional Dogs

- 4.23.2 The owner of a dog, or the owner or occupier of the land or premises, desiring wanting to obtain a licence for an additional dog or dogs shall make written application to ~~the~~ Council for a licence in the form set out in Schedule One ~~to of~~ this ~~part of the~~ bylaw and shall provide with their application any information ~~the~~ Council requires.
- 4.3 ~~Council, when considering an application under clause 3.1, shall have regard to:~~
- ~~a. the adequacy of the premises for the keeping of the additional dog or dogs specified in the application;~~
 - ~~b. the likely effect which the keeping of the additional dog or dogs would have upon the surrounding neighbourhood;~~
 - ~~c. the likelihood of the dog or dogs becoming a nuisance; and~~
 - ~~d. any other relevant matter including the fact that the additional dog or dogs have previously been kept in another local authority area.~~

3.3 Any Commercial Dog Walker shall make written application to Council for a licence in the form set out in Schedule 3 of this bylaw and shall provide with their application any information Council requires.

4.43.4 Any licence issued under clause 3.1 and 3.2 may be subject to any reasonable terms, conditions and restrictions consistent with this ~~part of the bylaw that the Council determines.~~ Every licence shall be ~~in-issued on the forms~~ set out in Schedules ~~Two and Three~~ Two and Three ~~to of~~ this ~~part of the bylaw~~ and, subject to clause ~~4.46.1~~, shall remain in force from the date of issue until the 30th of June ~~in the following~~ year.

3.5 For every licence the ~~applicants~~ applicant(s) shall pay to ~~the~~ Council ~~-(before the issue of the licence,)~~ the fee, or a proportionate part of the fee in the case of a licence issued for a period of less than a year, ~~as the Council may by resolution determine.~~ The fee for the licence shall be payable in addition to the registration fees payable under the Dog Control Act 1996.

4. Revocation of Licence

4.54.2 Council may revoke a licence at any time while ~~at that~~ licence is in force in accordance with clause 3 ~~of this part of the bylaw; if:~~

- a. Council is satisfied that the keeping of the additional dog or dogs has caused or materially contributed to a nuisance or the likelihood of injury to health; or
- b. Council is satisfied that the keeping of the additional dog or dogs has caused an unduly detrimental effect upon the surrounding neighbourhood; or
- c. There has been a failure to comply with all or any of the terms, conditions and restrictions of the licence; ~~then the Council may revoke the licence.~~

4.64.3 Any exemptions issued under 3.5 are subject to revocation under 4.1.

4.4 Where an owner fails to obtain a license or exemption within seven days of being notified of the requirement to do so, the Dog Control Officer will by written notice require the owner/occupier to reduce the number of dogs on their premises to no more than two dogs within 14 days. Where the owner/occupier fails to comply with this notice, Council is permitted to seize and impound the number of dogs necessary to reduce the number of dogs on the premises to two.

5. Limitation on Numbers Not to Apply in Certain Areas

- 7.1 Nothing in clauses 2- ~~and 3~~ shall apply:
- a. to premises within any rural areas under an operative or proposed District Plan prepared by Council-~~;~~
 - b. to premises lawfully used exclusively or principally as a veterinary clinic including an office used by a veterinary surgeon in the course of their business-~~;~~ and
 - c. to premises lawfully used exclusively or principally for carrying on the business of boarding, walking or grooming dogs.

6. General Controls in Public Places

- 6.1 Except as provided in clauses 7.1 and 9~~;~~
- a. no dog shall be permitted in a public place; and
 - b. no person being the owner of a dog shall take the dog into or permit the dog to enter or remain in a public place ~~unless~~~~;~~

- i. ~~Unless~~ the dog is kept under continuous control by; an effectual leash or chain held by a person and securely attached to a collar on the dog; or ~~being~~
- ii. ~~the dog is~~ contained in a vehicle or cage.

~~6.2~~ If a dog defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner, the owner or other person having control of that dog shall immediately remove the faeces.

7. Dog Exercise Areas

7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in clause ~~6 of this Bylaw~~ 9, a person may exercise ~~that~~ dog off ~~the~~ lead in any designated Dog Exercise Area (including a Dog Park) as outlined in Schedule ~~Three to this part of the bylaw~~ 3.

7.2 The owner or person responsible for the dog shall ensure that the dog is kept under constant supervision and control while being exercised in a Dog Exercise Area.

8. Resolution to Specify Dog Exercise Areas

8.1 Council may, by resolution, specify Dog Exercise Areas where dogs may be exercised off lead.

8.2 ~~The~~ Council may amend or revoke a resolution made under clause 8.1 ~~7A~~ at any time.

8.3 Before making a resolution under clause ~~7A~~ 8.1, ~~the~~ Council must take into account:

- a. The need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally.
- b. The need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults.
- c. The importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs.
- d. The exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
- e. Impact on wildlife areas.
- f. Whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed Dog Exercise Area.
- g. Any other information considered by Council to be relevant.

9. Prohibited Areas

- 9.1 No dog shall be permitted in a ~~dog prohibition area~~Dog Prohibition Area, and no owner may cause or permit any dog that he or she owns to enter or remain in a ~~dog prohibition area~~Dog Prohibition Area.
- 9.2 For the purposes of clause ~~89~~89.1, the following are ~~dog prohibition areas~~Dog Prohibition Areas as outlined in Schedule ~~Three to this part of the bylaw:- 3~~:
- a. any premises used as a public library;
 - b. any children's playground within the district;
 - c. any swimming pool owned or controlled by Council;
 - d. any land used as a kindergarden or playcentre;
 - e. any marked sports surface;

f. any unmarked sports surface when in use for sporting purposes;

f.g. any area that forms part of a park or reserve where a special event that is organised and in respect of which ~~the~~ Council has publicly notified the time, date and duration of the closure; and

g.h. any other area within a public place that is specified by ordinary Council resolution to be an area that dogs are prohibited to enter upon or remain in.

10. Resolution to Specify Dog Prohibition Areas

- 10.1 Council may, by resolution, specify Dog Prohibition Areas where dogs are prohibited to enter upon or remain in.
- 10.2 A resolution made under clause ~~8A~~10.1 may specify that dogs are prohibited from the area either generally or only in relation to specified times and days or events.
- 10.3 ~~The~~ Council may amend or revoke a resolution made under clause ~~8A~~10.1 at any time.
- 10.4 Before making a resolution under clause ~~8A~~10.1, ~~the~~ Council must take into account:
 - a. ~~The~~the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally; ~~;~~
 - b. ~~The~~the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; ~~;~~

- c. ~~The~~the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs~~;~~;
- d. ~~The~~the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners~~;~~;
- e. ~~Impact~~impact on wildlife areas~~;~~;
- f. ~~Whether~~whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed ~~dog prohibition area~~Dog Prohibition Area; and
- g. ~~Any~~any other information considered by ~~the~~ Council to be relevant.

11. Exemption for Certain Working Dogs

- 11.1 Nothing in clauses ~~11.9 of this Bylaw~~ shall apply to ~~a working dog guide dog, a Disability Assist Dog hearing ear dog companion dog or to a working dog~~Working Dog which is being used by the Police or a security guard in the course of their functions and duties.
- 11.2 Clause 6.1 shall not apply to the types of dogs referred to in ~~9.1 or~~11.1 or to a ~~working dog~~Working Dog being lawfully used to move stock.

12. Owner Deemed to Have Permitted Dog to be in Public Place

- 12.1 The owner of a dog found in any place in breach of clauses 6 or ~~9 of this Bylaw~~ shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have permitted the dog to enter or remain in that place.

~~CONFINEMENT OF DOGS AT NIGHT~~

~~11.1 The owner of any dog shall, during the night keep the dog:~~

- ~~a. tied up by a leash or chain which is securely attached to a collar on the dog; or~~
- ~~b. confined in an enclosed yard so that the dog cannot escape; or~~
- ~~c. confined in a kennel, shed or other building so that the dog cannot escape.~~

~~IMPOUNDING OF DOGS~~

~~12.1 Where a dog is found at large in breach of any provision of this Bylaw it may be impounded.~~

13. Standards for Keeping of Dogs

13.1 The occupier of any premises on which a dog is kept shall take all steps reasonably necessary to:

- a. ~~e~~Ensure the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter; ~~-and~~
- b. ~~p~~Prevent the keeping of the dog becoming a nuisance to any person or injuring, endangering or causing distress to any person.

14. Notice to Upgrade Standards

14.1 If ~~the~~ Council considers that clause 13 is breached, ~~the~~ Council may (but shall not be obliged to) serve a notice on the occupier to take action to ensure the conditions under which the dog is kept are improved so that clause 13 is not breached. The notice may specify all or any of the following

actions to be taken ~~and~~ (except in the case of ongoing actions) ~~taken~~ within a reasonable time specified in the notice:

- a. Reduce the number of dogs kept notwithstanding the existence of a licence under clause 3.
- b. Construct, alter or reconstruct kennels or other places where dogs are kept.
- c. Keep dogs confined or restrained in specified ways, specified areas and for specified times.
- d. Clean kennels and other places where dogs are kept.
- e. Take any other action necessary to properly house any dogs or to reduce or eliminate the nuisance caused by the dogs.

14.2 Council shall only specify actions under clause 14.1 which are reasonable having regard to the inadequacy of housing, or the nature of the nuisance. In specifying any action under clause 14.1 ~~the~~ Council shall have regard to:

- a. The need for adequate shelter and space.
- b. The need for a reasonably clean and healthy living area.
- c. The proximity of other dwellings.
- d. The separation of kennels or other places dogs are kept from boundaries.
- e. The use of materials which are easily cleaned in kennels and other places dogs are kept.
- f. The construction of the flooring or ground treatment of a kennel or other place where dogs are kept, such as whether it is graded and whether it is drained to a sewer drain.
- g. The need for cleaning of kennels or other places where dogs are kept.

14.3 ~~The~~ Council may at any time cancel any notice given under clause 14.1 ~~by notice to the occupier~~ if it believes the notice has not been complied with and will not be complied with.

14.4 So long as a notice under this section has been issued and has not been cancelled in accordance with clause 14.3 ~~the~~ Council shall not prosecute the occupier for a breach of clause 14 before the date stated on the notice as the date by which the actions (except ongoing actions) are to be carried out.

15. Schedule One

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO KEEP ADDITIONAL DOGS ON LAND OR PREMISES



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COUNCIL

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Name		Person ID
Address		
Work Phone	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Email		

I hereby apply, pursuant to Clause 3 of the Hutt City Bylaw 2005 – Dog Control, for a licence in respect of the land or premises described below permitting an additional dog/s to be kept on the land or premises.

DETAILS OF ALL DOG/S TO BE KEPT ON THE PROPERTY

Address of premises on which it is intended to keep the additional dogs (if different from above)			
Dogs name	Dogs ID number	Current tag number	Owner (if different from above)
Owner signature		Date	

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Fee paid	Receipt no	RFS enquiry no
\$		

Animal Services | 21 Meachen Street, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010 | animals@huttcity.govt.nz
Hutt City Council | 531 High Street, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040 | 04 570 6666 | huttcity.govt.nz
RSA-FORM-114F HCC | DOC/14/185976 | December 2013

16. Schedule Two

LICENCE TO KEEP ADDITIONAL DOG OR DOGS ON LAND OR PREMISES



Licence number

Pursuant to Clause 3 of the Hutt City Bylaw 2005 – Hutt City Council hereby licences the land or premises, described below for the purpose of keeping the dog(s), described below on the land or premises subject to the provisions of Part 4 of the Bylaw and the conditions contained in this licence.

Name of applicant for licence		
Address of land or premises on which the additional dog or dogs are permitted to be kept		
Dog name	Dog ID	Owner (if different from above)
Conditions of Licence		

Any change to the listed address or any addition to the dogs listed will require a new application.

Any breach of Conditions of Licence will result in this Licence being cancelled.

Licence granted by	Date
Regional Manager Animal Services	

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17. Schedule Three



Commercial Dog Walking

Requirement	Evidence Required
Training and Assessment You must demonstrate required knowledge and be assessed by an Animal Control Officer.	Be assessed by an Animal Control Officer. This will cover knowledge of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dog Control Act 1996 - Hutt City Council's Dog Control Bylaw - Hutt City Council's Dog Control Policy An Animal Control Officer will require a demonstration of the dog handlers ability to control and handle multiple dogs
Insurance and Application Public Liability Insurance	You need to supply HuttCity Council with a public liability insurance certificate and submit a Commercial Dog Walkers licence application along with the required fee.
Legal Compliance	You must not have been convicted or received an infringement under the following in the past year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Control Act 1996 • Animal Welfare Act 1999 • Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015 You must not have received a substantiated complaint in the past year or been classified as a Probationary or Disqualified dog owner at any time.
Licence Renewal:	You need to renew your licence annually with Hutt City Council

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Licence on request.	You are required to have your Commercial dogs walkers licence on your person and available on request by any Warranted Animal Control officer, when walking multiple dogs.
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Licensee Details:

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Name of Business	
Business Mobile:	Business Phone:
Business Email:	
Company Registration Number:	

18. Schedule ~~Three~~ Four

DOG PROHIBITION AREAS AND DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Introduction

The following areas were adopted by Council at its meeting on ~~15-December 2015~~XX July 2025 as either Dog Prohibition Areas, or Dog Exercise Areas. On 28 May 2024 Council, by resolution, made amendments within the ~~Bylaw~~bylaw to include additional dog prohibition areas in the Eastern Bays.

The file containing tables with descriptions relevant to each corresponding map that is indicative of the areas can be viewed [here](#).

1. DOG PROHIBITION AREAS		
1.1 Eastbourne		
a.	The picnic and leisure areas of Point Howard where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	46 TBC
b.	The picnic and leisure areas of Lowry Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	72 TBC
c.	The picnic and leisure areas of York Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	73 TBC
d.	The picnic and leisure areas of Mahina Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	74 TBC
e.	The picnic and leisure areas of Sunshine Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	75 TBC

f	The picnic and leisure areas of Days Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	76 TBC
g	The picnic and leisure areas of Rona Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs between 9.00am and 8.00pm during daylight saving time each year.	77 TBC
h.	That piece of land vested in Council at Marine Drive, Days Bay, being Lots 5, 6 and 7 Deposited Plan 1694, and being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title 498/171 (Wellington Registry), more commonly known as the Days Bay Pumping Station Site and the Proposed Local Purpose Reserve (Wildlife Management).	45
i.	That piece of Pencarrow Road south of Pencarrow Head where there are signs prohibiting dogs.	No map
j.	That area from Burdans Gate on Pencarrow Road south to Pencarrow Head effective during lambing time on an annual basis from 1 August to 31 October.	No map 60 TBC
k.	Sorrento Bay – Dogs prohibited at all times from the areas where there are signs: the foreshore and beach area of Sorrento Bay; from the S southern end of the rocky outcrop and running to the N northern end of the oystercatcher managed works zone.	56
l.	Whiorau Reserve – Dogs prohibited at all times from the bird protection area as indicated by the signs.	57
m.	CL Bishop Park – Dogs prohibited at all times from the areas where there are signs: the foreshore and beach area of Rona Bay abutting Bishop Park bird protection area; and from the bird protection area.	58
n.	HW Shortt Recreation Ground – dogs to be prohibited at all times from the bird protection areas as indicated by the signs.	34
1.2 Petone		
a.	Petone Beach between Hikoikoi Reserve and the Petone Wharf between the hours of 9.00am and 8.00pm during the period in which daylight-saving time applies.	42
b.	Percy Scenic Reserve.	43

c.	Eastern section of McEwan Park	20A
d.	Memorial Park	10A IBC
1.3 Wainuiomata		
a.	The entire road reserve of Queen Street, and the footpath and berm on the road frontages of the commercial properties on Wainuiomata Road and Fitzherbert Road adjacent to Queen Street.	47
b.	The footpaths and berms on the road frontages of the commercial properties on Norfolk Street and Ruthven Road.	49 , 50
c.	That piece of Pencarrow Road south of Pencarrow Head where there are signs prohibiting dogs.	No map
1.4 Lower Hutt		
a.	Mitchell Park.	52
b.	Avalon Park Three-quarters of Avalon Park from the tree line to the north of the children's bicycle track through to the Park's southern boundary be specified as a dog prohibition area. However, a dog on a leash is permitted to walk along the pathway as designated on Map 53 and coloured as a broken yellow line. Dogs are also permitted on leash at the northern end of the park as designated in Map 53.	53
1.5 Rimutaka Forest Park and Catchpool Valley		
a.	Picnic areas adjacent to the Catchpool Valley Road upstream of the vehicle ford.	No map
b.	The camping areas adjacent to Catchpool Stream.	No map
c.	Landscape Research Station, formerly DSIR Field Station, Orongorongo Valley.	No map
1.6 Turakirae Head Scenic Reserve		No map
1.7 Stokes Valley		
a.	Speldhurst Park	1A
1.8 Belmont		
a.	Belmont Recreation Reserve Southern end	6A

1.9 Seaview		
a.	The small, fenced section of Sunset Point where the bird protection area is located	<u>59</u> TBC

2. DOG EXERCISE AREAS		
2.1 Stokes Valley		
Area	Entrances	
Delaney Park (excluding sports surfaces)	George Street, Stokes Valley Road	<u>1</u>
Kamahi Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Stokes Valley Road	<u>2</u>
2.2 Kelson		
Area	Entrances	
Kelson Reserve	Kelso Grove	<u>7</u>
b. Fraser Park		<u>3</u>

2.3 Belmont		
Area	Entrances	
Belmont Recreation Reserve	Owen Street to Belmont Domain <u>the Northern end of the Riverbank before the path narrows (opposite High Street at the Northern end of Taita Drive).</u>	<u>6</u> <u>TBC</u>
Redvers Drive Reserve	Redvers Drive	<u>55</u>
2.4 Naenae		
Area	Entrances	
Naenae Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Seddon Street Naenae Road Gibson Street <u>Waddington Drive</u> Rimu Street	<u>8</u>

Waddington Canal	Balgownie Grove Waddington Drive Hill Grove Judd Crescent Seddon Street	63 TBC
2.5 Waiwhetu		
Area	Entrances	
Te Whiti Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Whites Line East, Riverside Drive	9
Trafalgar Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Trafalgar Street, Brook Street	10
Bell Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Bell Road, Douglas Street, Riverside Drive South	14 TBC
2.6 Petone		
Area	Entrances	
Portion of Te Mome Stream east side from Bracken Street along rear of Wilford School to Petone Central Croquet Club right of way.	Bracken Street Petone Central Croquet Club right of way.	10B
Sladden Park (excluding children's playground and -sports surfaces)	Bracken Street	11
Ava Park	Wakefield Street	18
Petone Recreation Ground (excluding children's playground and sports surfaces)	Buick Street	19
North Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Roxburgh Street	21
Frank Cameron Park (excluding sports surfaces)	London Road	22

Petone Beach Area (west of Petone Wharf) – <u>excluding Honiana Te Puni Reserve as indicated by the boundary lines</u>	The Esplanade, <u>Honiana Te Puni Reserve carpark</u>	<u>17 TBC</u>
Petone Beach East	Marine Parade	<u>20</u>
2.7 Hutt Central		
Area	Entrances	
Hutt Recreation Ground (excluding sports surfaces)	Myrtle Street, Woburn Road, Bellevue Road	<u>12</u>
2.8 Moera		
Area	Entrances	
York Park (excluding sports surfaces)	York Street, Elizabeth Street	<u>13 TBC</u>

2.9 H Hutt River-banks		
Area	Entrances	
Eastern bank from <u>Tirangi Road to Croft Grove, Moera.</u>	<u>Tirangi Road to Croft Grove, Moera</u>	<u>64 TBC</u>
Eastern bank from Ava <u>Rail Bridge to Barber Grove, Moera</u>	Ava <u>Rail Bridge to Barber Grove, Moera</u>	<u>65 TBC</u>
Eastern bank from <u>Ewen Bridge to Ava Rail Bridge</u>	<u>Ewen Bridge to Ava Rail Bridge</u>	<u>66 TBC</u>
Eastern bank from <u>Melling Bridge to Ewen Bridge</u>	<u>Melling Bridge to Ewen Bridge</u>	<u>67 TBC</u>

Eastern bank from <u>Kennedy Good Bridge to Melling Bridge</u>	<u>Kennedy Good Bridge to Melling Bridge</u>	<u>68 TBC</u>
Eastern bank from <u>Stokes Valley to Kennedy Good Bridge</u>	<u>Stokes Valley to Kennedy Good Bridge</u>	<u>5 TBC</u>
Eastern bank from <u>Reynold Bach Drive to Stokes Valley</u>	<u>Reynold Bach Drive to Stokes Valley</u>	<u>69 TBC</u>
Western bank from Manor Park Road to Benmore Crescent extension.	Benmore Crescent, Western Hutt Road, Manor Park Road.	<u>40</u>
Western bank north of Owen St, Belmont.	Owen Street	<u>70 TBC</u>
Western bank from Kennedy Good Bridge south to <u>Firth's Industrial Plant Melling Bridge</u>	Kennedy Good Bridge, Melling Bridge	<u>15</u>
Western bank from <u>Firth's Industrial Park south Melling Bridge</u> to Ewen Bridge	Melling Bridge, Ewen Bridge	<u>16</u>
Western bank from Ewen Bridge to Ava Park.	Ewen Bridge, Ava Park	<u>71 TBC</u>
2.102 Wainuiomata		
Area	Entrances	
Leonard Wood Park (excluding <u>sports surfaces</u> <u>children's playground</u>)	Wood Street/Willow Grove/Parenga Street	<u>23</u>
Wainuiomata River Bank	Main Road/Poole Crescent	<u>24</u>
Hine Road Reserve	Hine Road	<u>25</u>
Black Creek (West) Banks	Nelson Crescent Moohan Street	<u>26</u>

Pencarrow Hall Reserve	Tipperary Grove	27
Drainage Reserve between Norfolk Street and Nelson Street.	Norfolk Street Nelson Street	28
Drainage Reserve between Mohaka Street and Momona Street	Parkway Manutuke Street	29
Karaka Park (excluding children's playground-area)	Karaka Street	30
Drainage Reserve between Wainuiomata Road and Fraser Street	Fraser Street Wainuiomata Road	31
<u>Drainage Reserve between Parkway and Konini Street</u>	<u>Parking, Konini Street, Totara Street, Karamu Crescent</u>	61 TBC
Burden Avenue Riverbank Reserve	Faulke Avenue Main Road	32
<u>The Eastern section of Richard Prouse Park, and outside the sports surfaces in the Western section</u>	Hine Road	33 TBC
Wood Street Reserve	Wood Street	36
Rotary Park	Main Road, Gibbs Crescent	37
<u>Les Dalton Dog Park</u>	<u>Waiu Street</u>	62 TBC
2.113 Eastbourne		
Area	Entrances	
Muritai Beach, 200 metres south of the Rona Bay Wharf (Rata Street) to Miro Street. This excludes the bird protection area that runs parallel to HW Shortt Recreation Ground.	Rata Street to Miro Street.	34

3. EASTBOURNE DOG EXERCISE AND DOG PROHIBITION AREAS

3.1 Eastbourne		
<p>The area in Days Bay on the beach north of the wharf is –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A Dog Exercise Area between 7.00pm and 10.00am from 1 December to 31 March every year; ii) A Dog Exercise Area at all times from 1 April to 30 November; and iii) A Dog Prohibition Area between 10.00am and 7.00pm from 1 December to 31 March every year. 	<p>Area to the north of the Days Bay Wharf</p>	<p>54</p>

Appendix 2: Draft Dog Control Policy

Dog Control Policy

Business unit(s) & Division(s)	Strategy and Policy		
Date adopted	29 July 2025		
Date effective	29 July 2025		
Review period	Ten years, or earlier if required		
Owner	Head of Strategy and Policy		
Approved by	Council		
Implementation	Animal services		
Monitoring/Evaluation	Animal services		
	Author	Date	Description
V 2.0	TBC	Adopted: 29 July 2025	Legislatively required review
V 1.0	Graham Sewell	Adopted: 15 December 2015	Legislatively required review

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Hutt City Council Dog Control Policy

1. Overview

1.1 Under the Dog Control Act 1996, ~~(the Act), Hutt City Council~~ (Council) is responsible for dog control within Lower Hutt City.

Council has many powers under ~~that Act (for example the power to declare dogs to be dangerous or menacing dogs), the Act.~~ The purpose of this policy is to let the Lower Hutt City Community know how Council will ~~approach carrying~~ carry out its functions and powers under ~~that~~ the Act.

1.1.2 In Hutt City Council's Annual Plan 2014 – 2015 it is noted that dog control is necessary to achieving a clean, healthy, attractive and sustainable environment. Council has established resident satisfaction targets concerning dog control.

1.21.3 The aim of this policy is to ~~balance the needs of two general groups:~~

- ~~Those people who own a dog(s). In this regard Council aims to encourage responsible dog ownership and support the needs of dog owners, for example by establishing exercise areas for dogs; and~~
- ~~The general public. In this regard Council needs to support the right for people to move freely around within the city without experiencing danger, distress or nuisance from dogs, for example by establishing areas within the city where dogs are prohibited or restricted.~~

~~Council has undertaken a review of the current Hutt City Dog Policy 2005 to ensure that its approach to dog control meets the needs of dogs and their owners balanced against the needs of the wider community. This has been done in accordance with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996.~~

~~DOG CONTROL ACT 1996~~

1.4 ~~The Dog Control~~ This Policy has been divided into three parts. Part one sets out how dog exercise and prohibition areas are established. Part two sets out dog owner's responsibilities and part three deals with administration and enforcement.

2. Dog Control Act 1996

2.1 Section 10 of the ~~Act 1996~~ requires each territorial authority to adopt a ~~Dog Control Policy~~ dog control policy for its district. In accordance with section 10(3) of the Act; every policy adopted under section 10:

- shall specify the nature and application of any bylaws made or to be made under section 20 of the Act; and
- shall identify any public places where dogs are to be prohibited either generally or at specified times, pursuant to a bylaw under section 20(1)(a) of the Act; and
- shall identify any particular public places, and any other areas or parts of the district in which dogs (other than working dogs) in public places are to be required by a bylaw made under section 20(1)(b) of the Act to be controlled on a leash; and
- shall identify those areas or parts of the district in respect of which no public places or areas are to be identified under sections 10(3)(b) and 10(3)(c) of the Act; and
- shall identify any places within areas or parts of the district specified in section 10(3)(c)(ii) of the Act that are to be designated by a bylaw under section 20(1)(d) of the Act as dog exercise areas in which dogs may be exercised at large; and
- must state whether dogs classified by the territorial authority as menacing dogs under section 33A or 33C of the Act are required to be neutered under section 33E(1)(b) of the Act and if so whether the requirement applies to all such dogs and if not, the

matters taken into account by it in requiring any particular dog to be neutered; and

- must state whether dogs classified by any other territorial authority as menacing dogs under section 33A of 33C of the Act are required to be neutered under section 33EB(2) of the Act if the dog is registered with the territorial authority and if so, whether the requirement applies to all such dogs and if not the matters taken into account by it in requiring any particular dog to be neutered; and
- shall include such other details as the territorial authority thinks fit including, but not limited to:
 - i. fees or proposed fees; and
 - ii. owner education programmes; and
 - iii. dog obedience courses; and
 - iv. the classification of owners; and
 - v. the disqualification of owners; and
 - vi. the issuing of infringement notices.

132.2 In accordance with section 10(4); when adopting a policy, a territorial authority must have regard to—;

- the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; and
- the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and
- the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; ~~and~~
- ~~the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.~~
- ~~In the policy, territorial authorities are required to:~~

- ~~specify the nature and application of any bylaws made or to be made to give effect to the Policy; and~~
- ~~identify any public places where dogs are to be prohibited under a bylaw; and~~
- ~~identify any particular public places, in which dogs (other than working dogs) are to be required by a bylaw to be controlled on a leash; and~~
- ~~identify those areas or parts of the district in respect of which dogs will not be prohibited or required to be controlled on a leash; and~~
- ~~identify any places that are to be designated by a bylaw as dog exercise areas; and~~
- ~~include such other details as the territorial authority thinks fit including, but not limited to:~~
 - ~~fees or proposed fees; and~~
 - ~~owner education programmes; and~~
 - ~~dog obedience courses; and~~
 - ~~the classification of owners; and~~
 - ~~the disqualification of owners; and~~
 - ~~the issuing of infringement notices.~~

1.42.3 Every statement or publication of a policy adopted under ~~this~~ section ~~is required to~~ 10(5) of the Act shall identify any land within the district that is included in:

- a controlled dog area or open dog area under section 262S of the Conservation Act 1987; or
- a national park constituted under the National Parks Act 1980;
and or

- Te Urewera, as defined in section 7 of the Te Urewera Act 2014;
and
- may contain such other information and advice in relation to dogs as the territorial authority thinks fit.

1.52.4 The territorial authority must give effect to a policy adopted under ~~this section 10 of the Act~~ by making the necessary bylaws ~~and~~ may under section 20 of the Act, which must come into force not have in place later than the adoption of the policy and by repealing, before the 60th day after the adoption of the policy, any bylaws that are inconsistent with the policy.

~~This Policy has been divided into three sections. Part 1, Dog Control, sets out such matters as how dog exercise and prohibition areas are established. Part Two sets out Dog Owners Responsibilities and Part Three deals with Administration and Enforcement.~~

2.3. Dog Control

Overview

3.1 When a dog is on land or premises occupied by its owner, the owner must at all times ensure that either the dog is under the direct control of a person, or the dog is confined in such a manner that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.

Owners must ensure that meet the reasonable needs of dog owners and promote animal welfare, to clearly identify to the public where dogs may and may not be exercised, and to minimize danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally and to safeguard the welfare of children the Council will designate specified dog exercise areas and specified dog prohibition areas.

3.2 1.1.2 are kept under control at all times. Dogs not under the control of their owners or a person in charge, will be prohibited from all public places at all times. The

3.3 Dogs must be kept on a leash, chain, or lead when in any public area, unless it's a designated dog exercise area or specified prohibited public place.

2.13.4 Council will put signposts at public places where dogs are prohibited or permitted during specified times.

3.5 Council will designate specific dog exercise areas and dog prohibition areas in order to:

- meet the reasonable needs of dog owners
- promote animal welfare;
- protect wildlife;
- inform the public about areas where dogs may and may not be exercised,
- minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally; and
- safeguard the welfare of children.

4. Dog Prohibition Areas

2.24.1 In order to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally and to safeguard the welfare of children and wildlife, areas within Lower Hutt ~~City~~ will be designated as dog prohibition areas. Dogs will not be permitted to enter or remain in these areas. This is the responsibility of the dog's owner.

1.2.2

4.2 Dog prohibition areas ~~areas~~ set out in the Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw ~~2015~~2025 (the Bylaw) ~~and are:~~

- any premises used as a public library;
- any children's playground within the district;
- any swimming pool owned or controlled by Council;
- any land used as a kindergarten or playcentre;
- any marked sports surface;
- any unmarked sports surface when in use for sporting purposes;
- any area that forms part of a park or reserve where a special event that is organised and in respect of which Council has publicly notified the time, date and duration of the closure; and
- other area within a public place that is specified by ordinary Council resolution to be an area that dogs are prohibited to enter upon or remain in.

4.3 Dog Prohibition Areas are also set out at <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/dogs> and will be clearly identified to the public.

4.4 Dog Prohibition Areas can also be established by ordinary Council resolution under the Bylaw. ~~They are set out on the Council website at [huttcity.govt.nz](https://www.huttcity.govt.nz). Dog Prohibition areas will be clearly identified to the public. Areas where dogs are not permitted include playing fields and children's playgrounds within Council's parks and reserves.~~

~~1.2.3 Dog owners can have their dogs on any public places that are not specified prohibited public places or specified dog exercise areas, as long as the dogs are under proper control by being secured effectively by a leash, chain or lead.~~

- ~~2.34.4~~ ~~1.2.4~~ The matters that Council must have regard to under the Bylaw ~~in when~~ making a decision to establish or disestablish a dog prohibition area are as follows:
- the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally;
 - the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;
 - the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;
 - the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners;
 - impact on wildlife areas;
 - whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed dog exercise area; ~~and~~
 - any other information considered by ~~the~~ Council to be relevant.

5. Dog Exercise Areas

~~2.45.1~~ To meet the ~~reasonable~~ needs of dog owners ~~and~~, promote animal welfare, and ~~also to~~ clearly ~~identify to the public~~ indicate where dogs ~~may and may not~~ can be exercised, the Council will designate ~~specified~~ specific dog exercise areas.

~~2.55.2~~ ~~1.3.2~~ Designated dog exercise areas are set out in the Bylaw and can also be established by ordinary Council resolution under the ~~Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015~~ Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015. They are set out on ~~Council's~~ Council's website at huttcity.govt.nz. It is important to have a number of exercise areas available within Lower Hutt City for dogs to be exercised. These are clearly signposted and include most Council

parks and reserves; and the Hutt River banks and drainage reserves in Wainuiomata.

2.65.3 ~~1.3.3~~ The matters that Council must have regard to in when making a decision to establish or disestablish a dog exercise area are as follows:

- ~~(~~the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally;
- the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;
- the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;
- the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners;
- impact on all wildlife ~~areas~~;
- whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed dog exercise area; and
- any other information considered by ~~the~~ Council to be relevant.

3.6. Designation of Exercise and Prohibition Areas and Maps

3.16.1 Dog exercise areas and dog prohibition areas will be clearly signposted.

3.26.2 ~~1.4.2~~ Owners or anyone in control of responsible for a dog being exercised within such in a dog exercise area must carry their dogs a dog leash and not allow the dog to foul the area. However, no offence will a waste bag for picking up their dog's excrement. Any excrement must be committed against the bylaw if such people remove the droppings immediately. removed and appropriately disposed of.

3.36.3 ~~1.4.3~~ Owners of dogs that enter or remain in a dog prohibition area will be liable for prosecution for a breach of the Bylaw.

4.7. Department of Conservation Land

4.7.1 Under the Conservation Act 1987, the Minister of Conservation can, by notice in the Gazette, declare any part or parts of land managed and administered by the Minister or Department under specific acts to be either a controlled dog area or an open dog area.

4.7.2 To identify such areas within the Lower Hutt district, please refer to the Department of Conservation website: www.doc.govt.nz

5.8. Owner Responsibilities

Overview

5.8.1 Council recognises the importance of owner responsibility and education and wishes to have in place policies and measures that support responsible dog owner status and send clear signals as to the preferred way that owners should carry out their responsibilities as dog owners. The measures that Council will have in place to support and promote responsible dog owner behaviour are as follows:

- ~~Pamphlets~~pamphlets will be available and, when appropriate, distributed to dog owners explaining their obligations and rights, and the provisions of the ~~Dog Control~~ Bylaw;
- ~~Closer links and partnerships will be sought with dog training and obedience clubs to formally recognise their role in effective owner education and dog obedience;~~
- ~~In~~In order to support dog owners in fulfilling their responsibilities, the Council's Animal Control Officers will be available to give dog owners advice on all matters relating to the keeping and control of dogs;
- ~~A~~A fee rebate is available to dog owners who qualify as responsible dog owners under Council's criteria set out below;
and

- Council will actively enforce the ~~bylaws~~ Bylaw and the ~~Dog Control~~ Act.

Owner Obligations, Education and Dog Obedience

5.28.2 In addition to the requirements of any other Act or of any regulations or bylaws regulating the control, keeping, and treatment of dogs, the ~~Dog Control Act 1996~~ requires every owner of a dog ~~—~~:

- ~~To~~ to ensure that the dog is registered in accordance with this Act, and that all relevant territorial authorities are promptly notified of any change of address or ownership of the dog ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ to ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times:
- To ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ to ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ 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 ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate, or otherwise cause distress to any person ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ 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 ~~—~~;
- ~~To~~ to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person ~~—~~; and
- ~~To~~ to comply with the requirements of this Act and of all regulations and bylaws made under this Act.

Responsible Dog Owner Status

~~5.38.3~~ Council will encourage responsible dog ownership by; formally recognising "Responsible Dog owner" status, dog ownership education programmes and dog obedience courses. Responsible Dog Owner status will qualify owners for significantly lower registration fees under the Act.

~~5.48.4~~ ~~To may only be made between 1 February and 30 May in each year. In order to~~ obtain Responsible Dog Owner Status, in addition to the obligations imposed on every dog owner by the Act, owners are required by ~~Hutt City~~ Council to:

- ~~Make complete a questionnaire demonstrating their knowledge of the Act and the Bylaw;~~
- ~~make~~ a written declaration that they will comply with the requirements for Responsible Dog Owner status and understand that any breaches of the ~~Dog Control Act 2003~~ or ~~City Bylaws~~ ~~the Bylaw~~ will lead to the immediate cancellation of the Responsible ~~Dog~~ Owner status for a period of 2 years;
- ~~Register~~ ~~register~~ their dog(s) by 31 July in any registration year;
- ~~Have ensure~~ their property ~~is~~ fully fenced or the dogs ~~are~~ penned or controlled ~~in such a way that to allow~~ safe access to the front door ~~is assured~~ for people lawfully ~~going~~ about their business ~~and that, while preventing the dog cannot escape dogs from the property; escaping;~~
- a. ~~Demonstrate that they have full control over ensure~~ their dogs ~~both on and off a leash and in other situations. This can be proved by presentation of a certificate from an approved trainer that the dog and owner have passed a Grade 2 Dog Obedience Course or by a practicable demonstration to a Hutt City Animal Control Officer;~~

- ~~The dog(s) are provided with~~ have a warm ~~and~~ dry, draft-free kennel, ~~given~~ proper exercise ~~and~~ sufficient food daily, and ~~have~~ access to ~~a~~ clean water ~~supply~~ at all times;
- ~~Clean~~ clean up after their dog if it fouls any public place or property owned by any other person ~~and~~;
- ensure ~~the dog~~ is leashed in public places when not being exercised under control in a designated dog exercise area;
- ~~Notify~~ notify Council of any changes of address, transfer of ownership or death of their dogs; ~~and~~
- ~~Dogs need to have been registered~~ their dogs with Hutt City Council for a period of 12 months prior to ~~owners~~ applying for ~~responsible dog~~ Responsible Dog Owner status. Owners who currently have Responsible Dog Owner status and obtain an additional dog can apply as soon as that dog is registered.

8.5 An Animal Control Officer may complete an inspection to verify that (d) and (e) have been complied with.

5.58.6 It is desirable but not mandatory for an owner status to provide a certificate from an approved trainer showing that the dog and owner have passed a Grade 2 Dog Obedience Course. The Animal Control Officer may require a demonstration that an owner has full control over their dogs both on and off leash and in other situations.

Licence for Three or More Dogs

5.68.7 To minimise the potential nuisance and danger to the community caused by dogs, and to ensure that adequate provision is being made for the proper care and welfare of dogs, under the Bylaw a licence is required if for owners/occupiers of premises in the city who wish to keep three or more dogs aged three months or more older on their premises at any one time, regardless of ownership status. This does not apply to rural working dogs.

Owners to Keep Dogs Under Effective Confinement and Control

~~5.78.8~~ To enable the public, to the extent that is practicable, to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs and to minimise nuisance to the community generally caused by dogs, dog owners must prevent their dogs from wandering by keeping them under proper control or under effective confinement, especially at night. This includes, to the extent possible—:

- ~~Keeping~~keeping every bitch, while in season, confined or under control while being exercised;
- ~~Taking~~taking all practicable steps to stop their dog barking, howling or being aggressive; and
- ~~Cleaning~~cleaning up after their dogs defecate in any public place, or on land or premises other than the owner's. Droppings must be disposed of in an ~~approved~~appropriate manner (i.e. in a bin).

Access to Front Door

~~5.88.9~~ Safe access to a dog owner's front door (or another safe access point) is to be provided at all times, to people lawfully going about their business. Where the gate is locked to prevent access, this requirement does not apply.

~~5.98.10~~ ~~2.6.2~~ The intention is to ensure that people entering a property are not attacked by aggressive or savage dogs. Owners must ensure that such dogs are penned, chained or contained ~~in the rear yard.~~

Disability Assist and Working Dogs

~~5.108.11~~ The Act contains some specific exceptions for certain types of dogs. Section 75 of the ~~Dog Control Act 1996~~ provides an exclusion for a disability assist dog accompanying or assisting a person with a disability, or any person engaged in training such a dog. These dogs may enter and remain:

a. ~~in~~ any premises registered under regulations made pursuant to Section 120 of the Health

- Act 1956; or
- ~~in~~ any public place, subject to compliance with any reasonable condition imposed by the occupier or person having control of the premises or public place, as the case may be.

~~5.11.8.12~~ ~~2.7.2~~ Under Section 2 of ~~that~~ the Act, Working Dogs are defined as:

- a. any disability assist dog;
- b. any dog:
 - i. kept by the Police or any constable, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Fisheries, or the Ministry of Defence, or any officer or employee of any such department of State solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Police or the department of State or that constable, officer, or employee; ~~or~~
 - ii. kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock; ~~or~~
 - iii. kept by the Department of Conservation or any officer or employee of that department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that department; ~~or~~
 - iv. kept solely or principally for the purposes of destroying pests or pest agents under any pest management plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993; ~~or~~
 - v. kept by the Department of Corrections or any officer or employee of that department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that department; ~~or~~

- vi. kept by the Aviation Security Service under section 72B(2)(ca) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, or any officer or employee of that service solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that service; ~~or~~
- vii. certified for use by the Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers conferred by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002;
- viii. ~~Defence Emergency Management Act 2002~~; or viii. ———owned by a property guard as defined in section 9 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 or a property guard employee as defined in section 17 of that Act, and kept solely or principally for the purpose of doing the things specified in section 9(1)(a) to (c) of that Act; or
- ix. ~~ix.~~ ———declared by resolution of the territorial authority to be a working dog for the purposes of this Act, or any dog of a class so declared by the authority, being a dog owned by any class of persons specified in the resolution and kept solely or principally for the purposes specified in the resolution.

8.13 The owner of a dog or dogs wanting to register a Working Dog or Dogs shall make an online application to Council in the form set out at Schedule One and shall provide with their application any information Council requires.

6.9. Administration and Enforcement

Registration Fees

~~6.19.1~~ Fees under the ~~Dog Control~~ Act are set by Council resolution and notified in the Long Term ~~Council Community~~ Plan and on the Council's website: huttcity.govt.nz.

~~9.2~~ Council will fix reasonable dog registration fees to allow effective management and enforcement of the ~~Dog Control~~ Act ~~1996~~ and ~~Council bylaws~~ the Bylaw. All revenue received and retained under the Act will be used only for purposes authorised ~~by or~~ under the Act. The fee structure will recognise dog owners who are licensed as "responsible dog owners", or who have had their dogs neutered or spayed ~~and microchipped~~.

~~6.29.3~~ Incentives will be available to encourage owners to register their dogs before July 31 each year.

Enforcement

~~6.39.4~~ The Act and Bylaw will generally be enforced by ~~Hutt City~~ Council Animal Control Officers. There are a range of possible enforcement tools including:

- ~~Seizure~~seizure of dog;
- ~~Issue~~issue of infringement notices and fines;
- ~~Prosecution~~prosecution with fines ~~of \$~~ being possible;
- ~~Declaring~~declaring a dog menacing or dangerous; and
- ~~Prohibiting~~prohibiting people from ~~owning~~owning dogs.

~~6.49.5~~ ~~3.2.2~~ The Council aims to enforce the ~~Dog Control~~ Act ~~1996~~ and the ~~Dog Control~~ Bylaw in order to meet the objects of ~~that~~the Act. ~~To that end, the~~ Council will undertake prosecutions for breaches of the ~~bylaw~~Act and the Bylaw, and issue infringement notices for offences specified in the First Schedule to the Act. Recovery of unpaid

infringement fees will be sought through the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, in the courts.

6.59.6 ~~3.2.3~~ In addition to powers of prosecution and issuing infringement notices, ~~the~~ Council has a number of other powers under the Act which will also be carried out with the aim of safeguarding the public and minimising nuisance caused by dogs and ill-treatment of dogs.

6.69.7 ~~3.2.4~~ To enable the public, to the extent that is practicable, to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs, dogs found roaming in any public place or on another person's property, whether or not they are wearing collars or properly registered, will be impounded.

6.79.8 ~~3.2.5~~ In addition, where ~~the~~ Council receives complaints, Animal Control Officers may take appropriate action including seizing a dog that is not being properly provided for.

Probationary Owners

6.89.9 Council notes that the Act establishes disincentives for owners who are issued with repeat infringement notices under the ~~Dog Control~~ Act. Such behaviour can affect that person's ability to register future dogs and so impact on their ability to lawfully own dogs in the future.

6.99.10 ~~3.3.2~~ Section 21 of the ~~Dog Control Act 1996~~ provides for the classification of a dog owner as a probationary owner. This applies where that person has been convicted of any offence ~~against~~under the Act (except an infringement offence), or has committed three or more infringement offences within a continuous period of two years.

6.109.11 ~~3.3.3~~ Under the Act, "Probationary Owner" status will last for 24 months. Probationary owners will not be allowed to register any dog unless they were the registered owner of the dog at the time of the offence.

6.119.12 ~~3.3.4~~ Probationary owners will be required to pay a 50 percent surcharge over and above all dog control fees.

Disqualification of Owners

6.129.13 Dog owners will be disqualified from owning a dog under Section 25 of the ~~Dog Control Act 1996~~ if they are convicted of an offence (not

being an infringement offence) against the Act while a probationary owner at the time of the offence. Disqualified owners will not be allowed to own a dog for up to five years after the offence.

Menacing Dogs – Requirement to be Neutered

6.139.14 ~~The~~ The Act ~~1996~~ provides that a territorial authority must classify as menacing any dog that the territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe belongs wholly or predominantly to 1 or more breeds or types listed in Schedule 4 of the Act.

6.149.15 ~~3.5.2~~ These breeds and type are currently Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, Perro de Presa Canario and American ~~American~~ Pit Bull Terrier. In addition, a territorial authority may classify a dog as menacing under the Act in relation to the dog's behaviour. An owner of a dog that is classified as menacing may object to this classification and has the right to be heard. The territorial authority may require that the owner of a menacing dog is required to produce evidence that the dog has been neutered or that it is not in a fit condition to be neutered by the specified date.

6.159.16 ~~3.5.3~~ It is Council policy in all cases where dogs are classified as menacing because of their breed (~~i.e.~~ because they are one of the breeds of dogs specified in the 4th Schedule to the Act) or behaviour to require evidence that the dog has been neutered or is unfit to be neutered by the specified date.

Barking Dogs

6.169.17 Where a dog control officer has received a complaint and has reasonable grounds for believing that a nuisance is being created by the persistent ~~and/or~~ loud barking or howling of any dog, In determining whether a nuisance is being created the officer ~~may~~ will consider:

- Barking during unsociable hours;
- Persistent barking of a long duration;
- Prolonged barking over a period of days; and
- And other factors which the officer deems relevant.

9.18 ~~In the event of a nuisance the officer may:~~

- Enter the premises to inspect; ~~and~~
- Serve written notice requiring the nuisance to be reduced to a reasonable level; ~~or~~ ~~Remove the dog from the land or premises.~~

6.179.19 ~~3.6.2~~ Owners ~~may appeal to the Council within~~ have seven days ~~against these notices to comply with the notice or object to Council about the content of the notice.~~ Where a notice has been served and the dog causes a further nuisance by barking, the ~~dog control officer~~ Animal Control Officer may remove the dog from the premises.

~~DOGS ATTACKING PEOPLE OR ANIMALS~~

9.20 ~~3.7.1~~ Aggressive behaviour is not limited to but may include:

- Rushing at or startling another person or animal in a way that causes or is likely to cause them injury or endangerment;
- Rushing at any vehicle in a way that is likely to cause an accident; or
- Attacking any person or animal.

6.189.21 ~~Where a dog control officer observes or believes a dog has~~ attacked ~~a person or animal~~ acted aggressively, the officer may:

- ~~At~~ At the time, seize the dog if it is at large; or
- ~~If~~ If the dog continues to be a threat to the safety of people or animals, seize the dog.

~~3.7.2 The matter may also be taken to court, where the dog control officer might ask that the dog be destroyed and that penalties be imposed.~~

9.22 ~~3.8.1~~ If a dog is seized, then a criminal prosecution against the owner of the dog may be advanced.

Dangerous Dogs

9.23 Where a dog is declared a "dangerous dog" under the Act, the dog must be muzzled at all times while in a public place and neutered or spayed within one month of the classification. The dog must also be kept in a secure area within the property and the owner must pay a higher registration fee.

10. Implementation

- This policy is given effect by Hutt City Council's Animal Services team.
- You can find more information on our website, here:
<https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/dogs>

11. Related Documents

- Dog Control Act 1996;
- Hutt City Council's Dog Control Bylaw
- Conservation Act 1987
- National Parks Act 1980
- Health Act 1956
- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Civil Aviation Act 1990
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

7.12. Schedule One



Working Dogs

Class	Evidence Required
<p>Working dogs as Stock dogs.</p> <p>Dogs that are kept principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock.</p>	<p>The following breeds are considered by Council to be used as stock dogs in the District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any "Collie" breed Huntaway Heading Australian Cattle Dog Kelpie Sheepdog (Maremma) <p>Any of the above crosses.</p>
<p>An Animal Control Officer will be notified of any registrations for other breeds. The Animal Control Officer may request a demonstration of the dog working, when it is of age.</p>	
<p>Working Dogs</p>	<p>Pest dog: Photo/copy/scan of the pest management plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993.</p> <p>Dogs owned by a licensed Property, Guard under section 9 or section 17 of the Private Security Personnel & Private Investigators Act 2010: Photo/copy/scan of property guard approval documentation</p> <p>Government dogs: Photo/copy/scan of documentation from one of the following Government agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Customs Service MPI (fisheries/forestry) Ministry of Defence Department of Conservation Department of Corrections Aviation Security Service Civil Defence Emergency Management

Declaration of Working Dog

Document Name / XX Month XXXX / Version XX

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This form is to be completed to declare that your dog(s) is a/are full time working dog(s) kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or driving stock, pest control under a Pest Management Plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993 or guarding property under section 9 or section 17 of the Private Security Personnel & Private Investigators Act 2010. If requested you must demonstrate the dog's ability to perform its specified function to council's satisfaction.

Registered Dog Owner Details:

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address where dog(s) are kept at:	
Mobile:	Business Phone:
Email:	
Company Registration Number:	

Dog Details:

Name	Breed	Primary Colour	Secondary Colour	Age:	Sex M/F

In accordance with section 40(1) of the Dog Control Act, I hereby declare that the dog(s) listed above is a/are full time working dog/s, as defined by section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996 and is/are kept solely or principally for this purpose. I understand that if I knowingly provide any false or misleading statements in relation to this declaration that, on summary conviction, I am liable to a fine not exceeding \$3,000.

Signature:	Date: / /
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9:45 - 9:55	Arnja Dale	SPCA	Yes	10 min
9:55-10:00	Belinda Moss	ECB		
10:00-10:05	Marty de Boer			
10:05-10:10	Greg Moore			Bringing service dog
10:10-10:15	Antonia Crawford			Zoom
10:15-10:20	Jessie Wrigglesworth			
10:20-10:25	Lee Davidson			
10:25-10:30	James Fraser			
10:30-10:35	Harry Singh	NZTA / WK		
10:35-10:40	Caroline Gardiner			
10:40-10:45	Lyll Huizer			
10:45-10:55	Parker Jones	MIRO	Yes	10 min
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11:00-11:05	Catherine Petrey			
11:05-11:10	Michael Gendall			
11:10-11:15	Kevin Goldsbury	Ignite Sport		
11:15-11:20	Sally Bain			
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1. Arnja Dale (SPCA)

Kia ora,

Please find attached our RNZSPCA submission on the Hutt City Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw review.

Please let me know if you have any questions, would like any additional information, or would like to meet to discuss this.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this important issue.

Ngā mihi,

Arnja

Attachment:

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

on

Hutt City Council Control of Dogs Policy & Bylaw

25 April 2025

Executive Summary

- SPCA supports the Council's proposed educational approach to managing shared pathways.
- SPCA supports Council's proposal to introduce a limit on the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) and management of commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system.
- SPCA supports making the wording regarding summertime restriction consistent throughout the Bylaw for ease of understanding.
- While SPCA has some concerns about the proposed relocation of penguin nesting sites from Point Howard Wharf to Sunset Point we agree that, if approved, dog access to this area must be prohibited.

- SPCA encourages Councils to take on board feedback from local residents regarding adequate provision of appropriate dog exercise areas to ensure a reasonable balance between removal of off-leash access areas and creation of new, alternative off-leash areas.
- SPCA supports dog-friendly communities and encourages Councils to take proactive steps to foster positive community attitudes and practices.
- SPCA encourages Council to consider desexing of dogs repeatedly found roaming.
- SPCA advocates for 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 28 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 consultation for the Hutt City Council Control of Dogs Policy & Bylaw.

Submission

SPCA advocates for responsible dog ownership. Below we provide feedback on proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, additional suggestions for the Council to consider that promote responsible dog ownership, and background information and research in support of our submission.

Responses to survey questions

Shared pathways in Lower Hut

SPCA supports the educational approach to managing shared pathways.

SPCA commends Council on a commonsense approach to managing shared pathways through education and improved signage.

Licence for commercial dog walkers

SPCA supports Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system.

SPCA acknowledges that introducing a mechanism which allows people with appropriate skills to apply for an exemption to limits on the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time is a reasonable compromise.

Wellington Council has operated a professional dog walker licensing scheme since 2022 and some other Councils are looking to adopt a similar approach. SPCA believes that Hutt City Council should engage with Councils with existing licensing schemes and local commercial dog walkers to ensure the licensing scheme is practical and achieves the achieved aims of improving public safety and accommodating the needs of reputable commercial dog walking businesses.

Limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk

SPCA supports limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption).

Walking too many dogs simultaneously can compromise the ability of a dog walker to provide adequate supervision and control. This can lead to increased stress, potential conflicts between dogs, and a higher risk of accidents or injuries. Limiting the number of dogs per walk ensures each animal receives the attention and care they need for a positive and safe walking experience.

Large groups of dogs can pose a public safety concern, especially in busy or densely populated areas. Setting a reasonable cap on the number of dogs can help mitigate risks to other dog owners, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, and reduce the likelihood of incidents that could harm public safety.

SPCA acknowledges that introducing a mechanism which allows people with appropriate skills to apply for an exemption to control a greater number of dogs is a reasonable compromise.

SPCA believes that Council should consult and take on board feedback from local residents regarding potential impacts on dog owners to ensure limits are appropriate and will not unreasonably restrict dog owners' ability to meet their dogs' physical health and behavioural needs.

Inconsistent wording for summertime restriction

SPCA supports making the wording regarding summertime restriction consistent throughout the Bylaw but does not have a preferred approach.

Compliance with dog access rules is improved if these rules are plain, understandable, and reasonable. We consider it likely that moving towards consistent wording will reduce confusion and improve compliance.

Sunset Point, Seaview

While SPCA has some concerns about the proposed relocation of penguin nesting sites from Point Howard Wharf to Sunset Point we agree that, if approved, dog access to this area must be prohibited.

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.

Other proposed changes to dog access areas

SPCA encourages Councils to take on board feedback from local residents regarding adequate provision of appropriate dog exercise areas to ensure a reasonable balance between removal of off-leash access areas and creation of new, alternative off-leash areas.

SPCA commends Council on clearly communicating the proposed changes to dog access areas by providing this information in different formats, in particular the provision of the interactive map.

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.

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.

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; 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 the Council's obligations to prevent or abate nuisances.

Additional feedback on the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

Below SPCA suggests some additional feedback on the draft dog control policy and bylaw for consideration.

Dog friendly communities

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 (Dietz et al., 2018). We encourage Councils to take proactive steps to foster positive community attitudes and practices.

Desexing

Desexing is a well-established approach for reducing the number of unwanted litters, decreasing roaming behaviours, and contributing to improved behaviour outcomes.

SPCA encourages Council to consider desexing of dogs repeatedly found roaming. We note that roaming dogs were cited as an issue by almost half (n=217) of the respondents to the early engagement survey who raised a specific issue related to dog control in Lower Hutt. Other Councils have introduced targeted desexing requirements for dogs that are repeatedly found roaming, such as Auckland and Rotorua Lakes Councils. Menacing Classification

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, dogs may be classified as menacing due to behaviour (section 33A) or due to appearance (section 33C).

SPCA encourages Councils providing a pathway for owners of dogs with a menacing by behaviour classification to request a review of their dog's classification, provided they take specific steps to demonstrate responsible dog owner. This approach has been successfully adopted by other Territorial Authorities (for example, see Auckland Council Dog Bylaw), which provide an opportunity to apply for review after 12 months of holding this classification. This incentivises human behaviour change and adoption of responsible dog ownership practices.

SPCA understands 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 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 that 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 councils 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.

Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Hutt City Council Control of Dogs Policy & Bylaw. Our organisation is happy to discuss this matter if further information is required.

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2. Belinda Moss (ECB)

Kia ora koutou

The Eastbourne Community Board (ECB) is submitting on the proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw changes that impact Eastbourne and Eastern Bays residents.

1. **Shared paths:** Council proposes an education approach to managing conflicts with dogs and other path users. The Eastbourne Community Board supports an education approach for **all** shared path users, including cyclists, those on scooters and dog owners. This is important as the Tupua Horo Nuku shared path nears completion.
2. **Sunset point:** Council proposes a dog restriction area next to the Seaview marina for penguin protection. The Eastbourne Community Board supports this proposal.
3. **Daylight saving restrictions in the Bays:** No change is proposed apart from standardising the phrasing of restrictions. We support consistency. However, the wording isn't clear in the proposal document. The restrictions apply specifically to the beaches, not the Bays in general.
4. **Pencarrow Road:** Is there an error here? The map that supports the proposal documents shows that the whole Pencarrow Road will be a dog prohibition area, but there is no reference to this significant change in the text. It may be an error based on the current prohibition during lambing months (August to October). If this is not an error, we would like better consultation on this change, and information about why it is being made. Dogs are currently allowed on the road on leashes, and this is generally adhered to or monitored and managed by other road users (who call out people who have dogs off leash). The Pencarrow Road is an excellent low-traffic, low-risk road for walking dogs on leads.
5. **The beach from Miro Street to Burdan's Gate:** This stretch of beach is a nesting area for banded dotterel, but dog owners treat it as an extension of the off-lead exercise area to the north. The ECB urges Council to install better signage to remind owners to leash their dogs or consider making it a dog-prohibition area, especially during nesting season.
6. **Licensing dog walkers:** The majority of ECB members support the licensing of commercial dog walkers and a limit to the number of dogs they can walk to help ensure competency and safety for everyone. We note this aligns with proposals from neighbouring councils and others nationwide. Board members are unanimous in suggesting there is scope for Council to make better use of the levers it already has to regulate dog owners who don't pick up dog poo and who allow dogs in the bird protection areas.

We would like to retain the option to speak to this submission.

Ngā mihi nui

Belinda

3. Marty de Boar

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Some cyclists think they have right of way & ringing their bell doesn't work for deaf people

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

No

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

Overengineering for a relatively rare issue, how will it be enforced?

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

No

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

The issue is more about the type of dogs & walker than the number

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usedaylight saving timeas the standard across all relevant areas

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Activity area already reduced due to works, lost throwing field. Bikes

have an alternative path. Lot of use of Koro stream to

water/wash/swim dogs at and of walk, how will they swim off-lead?

Alternative off-lead areas by Hutt River all have algae issue

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

No

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

Look for better places that doesn't reduce dog activity areas

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths,
prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. **Would you like to review changes to York Park?** Yes

Q28. **Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?**

Yes

Q29. **Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?**

not answered

Q30. **Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?**

Yes

Q31. **Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?**

Yes

Q32. **Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?**

not answered

Q33. **Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,
Waiwhetu?**

Yes

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** Yes

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed
change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. **Would you like to review changes to the
drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway
in Wainuiomata?**

Yes

Q37. **Do you support this change between Konini and
Parkway?**

Yes

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

Yes

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

Toxic algae an ongoing issue, especially with amount of water taken from river for water services

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

Toxic algae an ongoing issue, especially with amount of water taken from river for water services

Q48. Additional comments

Other proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw primarily include administrative changes, alignment with the Dog Control Act, and additional wording to clarify existing content. You can read those changes to the Policy and Bylaw in the Statement of Proposal here. If you have any comments to make about those other changes, please include them below.

Not sure how you will enforce any final changes. Try and keep Bikes separate to dog areas as some riders are inconsiderate. Keep Petone Beach foreshore for dogs and cyclists in the back shared path they already have

4. Greg Moore (and service dog)

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

This is a good idea, I believe it will lead to there being more dog walkers as people will know the process, maybe make the minimum age 16?

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

No

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

This is so hard to police ... you could just take your partner and kid and take 12 dogs? This is an over step of governmental controls , there are other ways of working through this including that if you are walking dogs for any reward you need a licence

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usespecific months(e.g. December to March) as the standard

across all relevant areas.

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to

Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

Neutral

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

Dogs should still be allowed at Avalon park, they are sometimes the extra child people cant have...

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Yes

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

Yes

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

Neutral

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? Yes

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

Yes

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

Yes

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

Great move here!

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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Keep it simple and clear , dogs are an essential part of our society and are an awesome addition for peoples physical and mental health.

5. Antonia Crawford (via Zoom)

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Bikes should have a speed limit when using shared pathways. I have been walking a dog and pushing a baby in a pram and cyclists race past at dangerous speeds. They should be encouraged to slow down when passing children and dogs who can be unpredictable

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

My view is that 4 dogs would be the maximum one person could keep track of of lead especially. I currently walk 3

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Yes

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Yes

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Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

I think that the dog off leash areas are being eroded more and more by this City Council and that they should consider better options such as week day hours for off leash when its only people walking their dogs that actually use these spaces.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

Yes

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not answered

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Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

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Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Yes

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

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not answered

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drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway
in Wainuiomata?**

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Parkway?**

not answered

**Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in
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No

**Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington
Canal?**

not answered

**Q41. Do you have any comments about the change
through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

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Yes

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not answered

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not answered

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in Eastbourne the rights of dog owners have been severely reduced in the last 5 years. There are now no areas that you can

throw a ball for your dog apart from beach which in strong winds is not easy. We used to use Greenwood, Hutt short and

Bishop but now all on lead. Most weekdays its only dog owners using them anyway. Why not have a weekend ban rather

than no dogs off leash and with the penguin area the other side of the Shortt Park there is no space to get out of the wind to

exercise your dog off leash. also if you care about penguins so much what about the fishermen?? having people fishing on

the dog off leash beach is not a sensible option as there is hooks and bait left constantly. I picked up 4 dangerous lines with

hooks and sinkers on in the past 2 months which is ridiculous. There are people using contiki and once again the dog

walkers have to leash their dogs in the only place left to walk. send the fishermen elsewhere or at least post signs advising

them this is dog off lead beach and they need to cover their bait and remove all their rubbish. One day a child will get a hook

in its foot or someone will get tangled in a line when swimming as the fishermen are now all along the beach not just in one

area.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

6. Jessie Wrigglesworth

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Signage where dogs are not allowed off leash are very helpful. I think it's really good for dog owners to be able to run or cycle with their dogs off lead, it affords more opportunities for a wider range of users

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

No

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

In my experience I have not met a dog walker who hasn't been capable of controlling the dogs they walk. Additionally I think it's a really good business opportunity for a range of people, creating extra hurdles here seems unnecessary

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

No

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

Similar to my previous comment I think this limits people's opportunity to make money through walking and creates unnecessary hurdles.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

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not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

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Prouse Park?

No

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Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset

Point?

not answered

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Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Yes

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

I highly support this area change. I currently drive from eastbourne to find a grassed area to exercise my dogs, this will be very helpful

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,

Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? Yes

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

Seems logical given the new court. Appreciate that this has actually increased space to exercise dogs rather than removing it all together!

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

No

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

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Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

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Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

Great for extended walks off lead (sometimes the areas feel too short for meaningful exercise)

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

Extremely helpful location for me to bring my dogs from Eastbourne.

We don't have any grassed exercise areas in Eastbourne so I need to find somewhere as close as possible! I would love to see another area in the bays...

Q48. Additional comments

Other proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw primarily include administrative changes, alignment with the Dog Control Act, and additional wording to clarify existing content. You can read those changes to the Policy and Bylaw in the Statement of Proposal here. If you have any comments to make about those other changes, please include them below.

I really appreciate how a lot of these changes seem to be making it easier for dog owners to exercise their dogs rather than

limiting areas. That being said I would really like to see a grassed exercise area in Eastbourne or the bays. It is not always

practical to go to the beach particularly as it gets colder. Since dogs were banned from being off lead at HW Shortt

Recreation Ground I have been driving all the way to Petone to exercise my dogs which has become pretty inconvenient at

times. I totally understand that the HW Shortt Recreation Ground can't have dogs during sports events but limiting the use of

the only large flat green area in Eastbourne at all times seems totally unnecessary and restrictive to a large proportion of

Eastbourne residents (many of whom have dogs). Very happy to get more areas in Petone/Lower Hutt areas but I urge HCC

to consider the impact of having no green space to exercise dogs in Eastbourne. Many thanks for taking my feedback, I'm

happy to provide further information if helpful. Jessie W (Eastbourne resident with two very well behaved dogs who love to

go to the park!)

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

7. Lee Davidson

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

This greatly reduce the off-lead dog exercise area. From Petone Wharf to the carpark is very crowded at peak times. Please keep the shared path on the shoreline and the far western area of beach –

which hardly anyone uses – as a dog off-lead area.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

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not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

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not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

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not answered

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not answered

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not answered

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along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont**

Reserve?

not answered

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not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

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Yes

8. James Fraser

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Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

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I walk my dog on shared pathways five days a week. We often have positive encounters with pedestrians and have not once had a negative experience.

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No

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I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

I have been walking my dog around the Southern end of Avalon Park for many years. We have not once had a negative encounter with another pedestrian or people enjoying the park. Many passersby ask to pat my dog. Please do not change this excellent facility

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

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not answered

**Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a
Subcommittee hearing**

Yes

9. Harry Singh (NZTA/Waka Kotahi)

Tēnā koutou

Submission on the proposed Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy

1. This is a submission on the following:

The proposed Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, notified on 31 March 2025.

2. Role of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

The NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is a Crown entity with its functions, powers and responsibilities set out in the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) and the Government Roadway Powers Act 1989. The primary objective of NZTA under Section 94 of the LTMA is to contribute to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest.

An integrated approach to transport planning, funding and delivery is taken by NZTA. This includes investment in public transport, walking and cycling, local roads and the construction and operation of state highways.

3. Context

NZTA has partnered with mana whenua (Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa) and local Councils (Wellington City, Greater Wellington and Hutt City) to provide a new walking and cycling route between Wellington and Lower Hutt: Te Ara Tupua. Among creating a shared path linking Wellington and Lower Hutt, Te Ara Tupua will improve transport resilience by providing improved protection of the adjacent rail line and state highway infrastructure from storm and sea surges, and future proofing for sea level rise between Ngā Ūranga and Pito-One¹. Te Ara Tupua also includes the Pito-One to Melling section², which will link to future walking and cycling paths to be built through the Melling Transport Improvements project³.

The work is currently being carried out by Te Ara Tupua Alliance, which is a collaborative form of construction contract where NZTA works as one team with our design and construction partners.

The current Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy provides for a dog exercise area within the Honiana Te Puni Reserve, which is part (northern end) of the Ngā Ūranga ki Pito-One section of Te Ara Tupua.

Dog control over the shared path was a specific matter raised during engagement for the consenting of Te Ara Tupua, with the main concern being potential effects of the shared path on bird nesting habitats if dogs were allowed on the shared path and in light of the risk they pose to bird life, particularly penguins and other birds while nesting. Dogs can also pose a hazard to shared path users, including people on bikes. The majority of respondents during the engagement phase of the project thought that dogs should either be banned or required to be on a lead. Any such restrictions on dog access to the shared path were deemed to be needed to be implemented by both HCC and WCC through a bylaw process.

The Alliance consulted with Hutt City Council about the proposed bylaw changes in mid- to late-2024. As a result of this consultation, several changes have been proposed in the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, including:

- To amend dog control measures in the Honiana Te Puni Reserve by making the reserve, and the shared pathway that will go through it, a dog on-lead area rather than an off-lead exercise area.

1. The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to are: NZTA generally supports the proposed amendments to the dog control measures in the Honiana Te Puni Reserve and making the reserve and the shared pathway a dog on-lead area rather than an off-lead exercise area. However, NZTA requests several clarifications and changes to the following proposed bylaw provisions:

(ii) The Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2025:

- a. Clause 6 – General Controls in Public Places
- b. Clause 7 – Dog Exercise Areas
- c. Schedule Four – Table 2. Dog Exercise Areas, Item 2.6, Area “Petone Beach Area (west of Petone Wharf) – excluding Honiana Te Puni Reserve as indicated by the boundary lines”.

(ii) The Hutt City Council Dog Control Policy 2025:

- a. Section 3 – Dog Control
- b. Section 5 – Dog Exercise Areas
- c. Section 6 – Designation of Exercise and Prohibition Areas and Maps.

2. The changes requested by NZTA are made to:

- (ii) Ensure that NZTA can carry out its statutory obligations.

- (ii) Maintaining the safety of shared path users and protecting wildlife.
- (ii) Reduce interpretation and processing complications for decision makers.
- (ii) Provide clarity for all users of the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy.

3. The submission of NZTA is:

- (ii) NZTA supports the proposed Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy to the extent outlined in this submission and **Table 1** attached.
- (ii) Any provisions that NZTA has not specifically submitted on in **Table 1**, can be taken as support for those provisions.

4. NZTA seeks the following decision from the Council Subcommittee:

- (ii) The decisions that NZTA seeks on the proposed Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy are set out in the attached Table 1; and
- (ii) Any other relief that would provide for the adequate consideration of potential effects on the operation of the Te Ara Tupua shared path environment and the safety of its users.

5. NZTA does wish to be heard in support of this submission.

6. If others make a similar submission, NZTA will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

7. NZTA is willing to work with the Hutt City Council in advance of a hearing.

Table 1: Decisions sought on the proposed Hutt City Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy.

Change No.	Statutory Instrument	Item	Support / Oppose	Reasons	Relief Sought shown in <u>red, bold and underlined</u>

1	Dog Control Bylaw	Clause 6	Support in part	<p>NZTA supports the dogs under the control of their owners or a person in charge are acceptable within the Honiana Te Puni reserve as per Statement of Proposal and on the Te Ara Tupua shared path as per the bylaw Clause 6.1.a.i. – i.e., dog required to be kept on leash on public land.</p> <p>NZTA seeks confirmation that this applies to the entire Te Ara Tupua pathway within the Hutt City Council boundary, as shown on the attached plan.</p> <p>Given this is a shared path used by both walkers and cyclists, NZTA submits that use of fixed leads/chains only, i.e., use of extended leads to be prohibited on the shared path for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of cyclists and dogs.</p>	<p>6.1 Except as provided in clauses 7.1 and 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. no dog shall be permitted in a public place; and b. no person being the owner of a dog shall take the dog into or permit the dog to enter or remain in a public place unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Unless the dog is kept under continuous control by; an effectual, nonretractable leash or chain held by a person and securely attached to a collar on the dog; or being i-ii. the dog is contained in a vehicle or cage.
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2	Dog Control Bylaw	Clause 7	Support in part	<p>NZTA supports the provision of dog exercise areas. NZTA also supports Honiana Te Puni Reserve no longer being classified as a dog exercise area.</p> <p>While the maps detailing the proposed changes to Dog Exercise Areas exclude the reserve and shared path to the east along the Esplanade, NZTA seeks confirmation that this applies to the entire Te Ara Tupua shared path within the Hutt City Council boundary, as shown on the plans included in Attachments 1 and 2.</p>	Council to confirm that the entire Te Ara Tupua pathway within the Hutt City Council boundary will be classified as 'dog on leash only' area.
3	Dog Control Bylaw	Schedule 2, Table 2	Support in part	<p>NZTA supports the exclusion of the Honiana Te Puni Reserve from the Petone Beach Dog Exercise Area. However, NZTA requests that the wording is amended in Table 2 to exclude the entire Te Ara Tupua shared path within the Hutt City Council boundary from this dog exercise area.</p>	<p>Petone Beach Area (west of Petone Wharf) – <u>excluding Honiana Te Puni Reserve as indicated by the boundary lines and the entirety of Te Ara Tupua shared path within the Hutt City Council boundary.</u></p>

4	Dog Con trol Poli cy	Poli cy 3	Su pp ort in	NZTA supports that dogs must be kept on a leash, chain, or lead when in any public area, unless it is a	<u>3.1 When a dog is on land or premises occupied by its owner, the owner must at all times ensure that</u>
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			par t	<p>designated dog exercise area or specified prohibited public place.</p> <p>NZTA notes that an additional purpose is included under Policy 3.4. Dog exercise and prohibition areas should be specified so the safety and wellbeing of cyclists and dogs can be protected in all other public spaces by requiring dogs to be kept on a leash, chain or lead.</p> <p>As noted under Policy 6 below, the general Policy 3 should include a clause that makes it a general requirement for dog owners or persons in charge to carry waste bags for picking up their dog excrement, and to require dog excrement to be picked up.</p>	<p><u>either the dog is under the direct control of a person, or the dog is confined in such a manner that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.</u></p> <p><u>3.2 4.1.2 Owners must ensure that dogs are kept under control at all times.</u> Dogs not under the control of their owners or a person in charge, will be <u>are</u> prohibited from all public places at all times.</p> <p><u>3.3 Dogs must be kept on a leash, chain, or lead when in any public area, unless it's a designated dog exercise area or specified prohibited public place.</u></p> <p><u>3.4 Council will designate specific dog exercise areas and dog prohibition areas in order to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>meet the reasonable needs of dog owners</u> <u>promote animal welfare;</u> <u>protect wildlife;</u> <u>inform the public about areas where</u> <u>dogs may and may not be exercised;</u>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>protect the safety and wellbeing of cyclists and dogs;</u> • <u>minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally; and</u> • <u>safeguard the welfare of children.</u> <p><u>3.5 Owners or anyone responsible for a dog must, when in any public area, carry a waste bag for picking up their dog's excrement. Any excrement must be immediately removed and appropriately disposed of.</u></p>
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C h a n g e N o .	Stat uto ry Inst ru me nt	Ite m	Su pp ort / Op po se	Reasons	Relief Sought shown in <u>red, bold and underlined</u>
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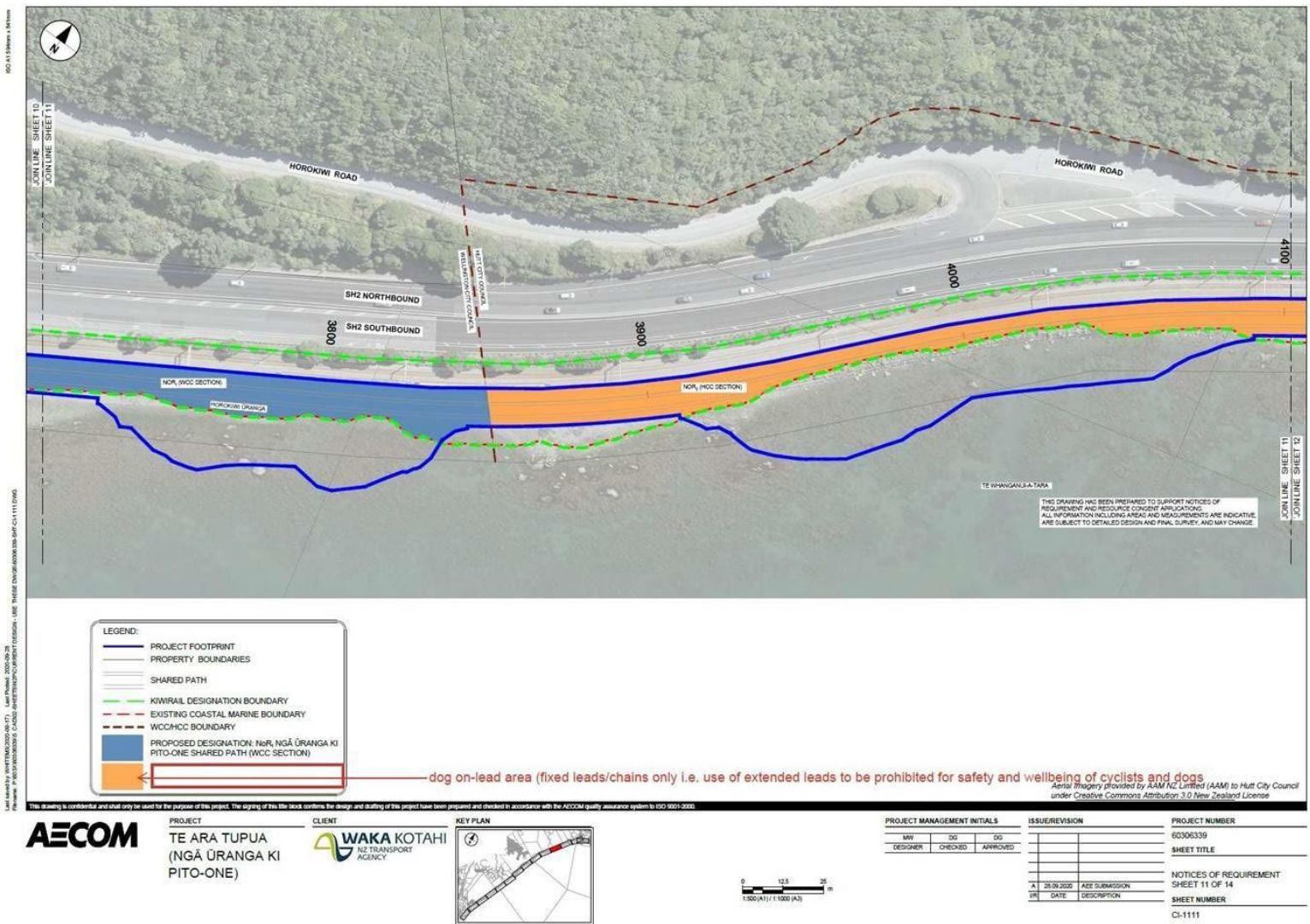
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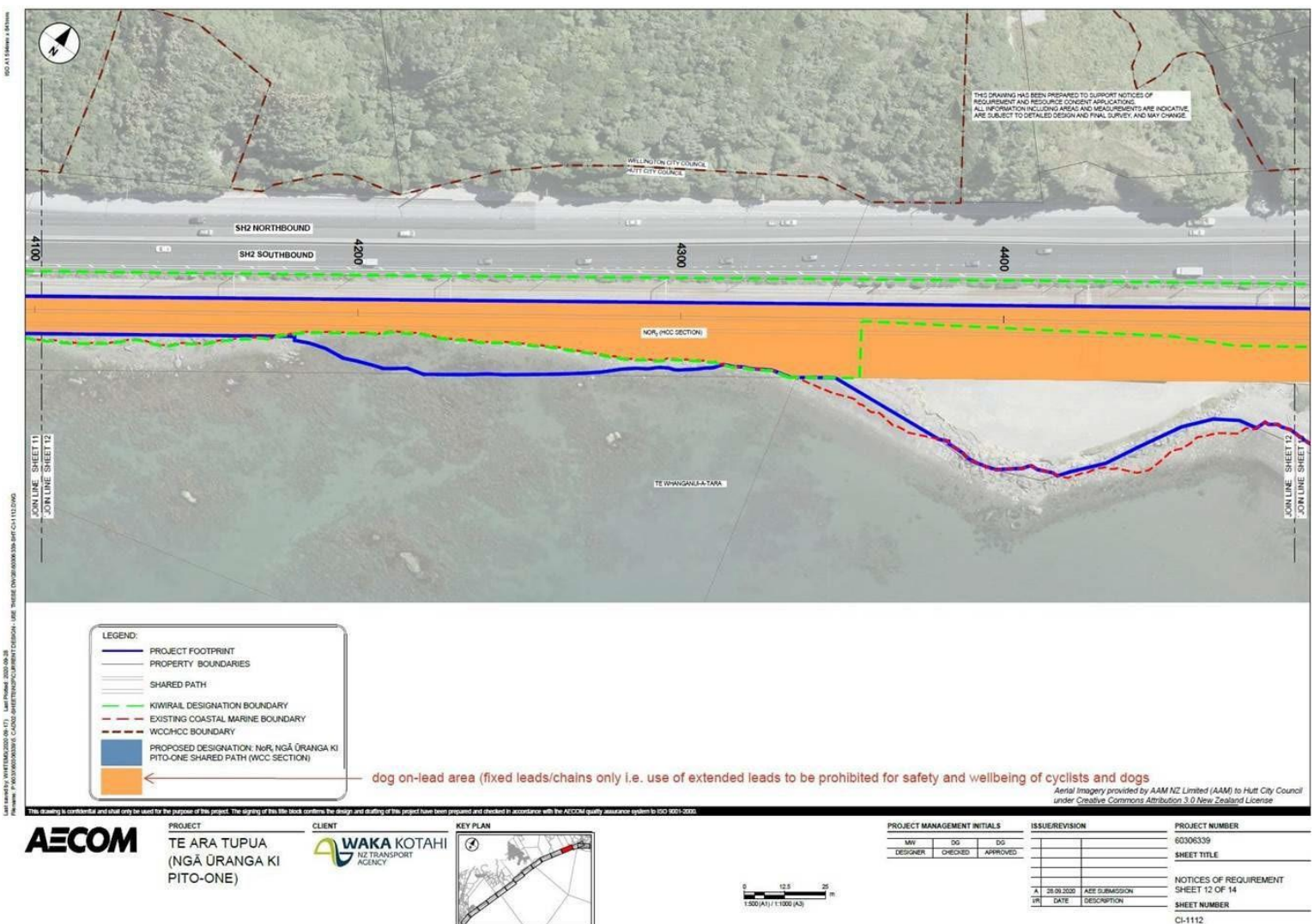
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6	Dog Control Policy	Policy 6	Support in part	NZTA supports the requirement to clearly signpost dog exercise areas and dog prohibition areas. NZTA also supports the requirement for dog owners exercising their dogs in these areas to carry a leash and waste bag for picking up their dog's excrement. However, NZTA considers that the requirement to carry waste bags for picking up their dog excrement should not be limited to dog exercise areas and dog prohibition areas but should be a general requirement for all dog owners or persons in charge taking their dogs into public spaces such as Te Ara Tupua shared path.	Include additional clause under Policy 3 requiring all dog owners or persons in charge to carry waste bags for picking up their dog excrement when taking their dogs into public spaces.
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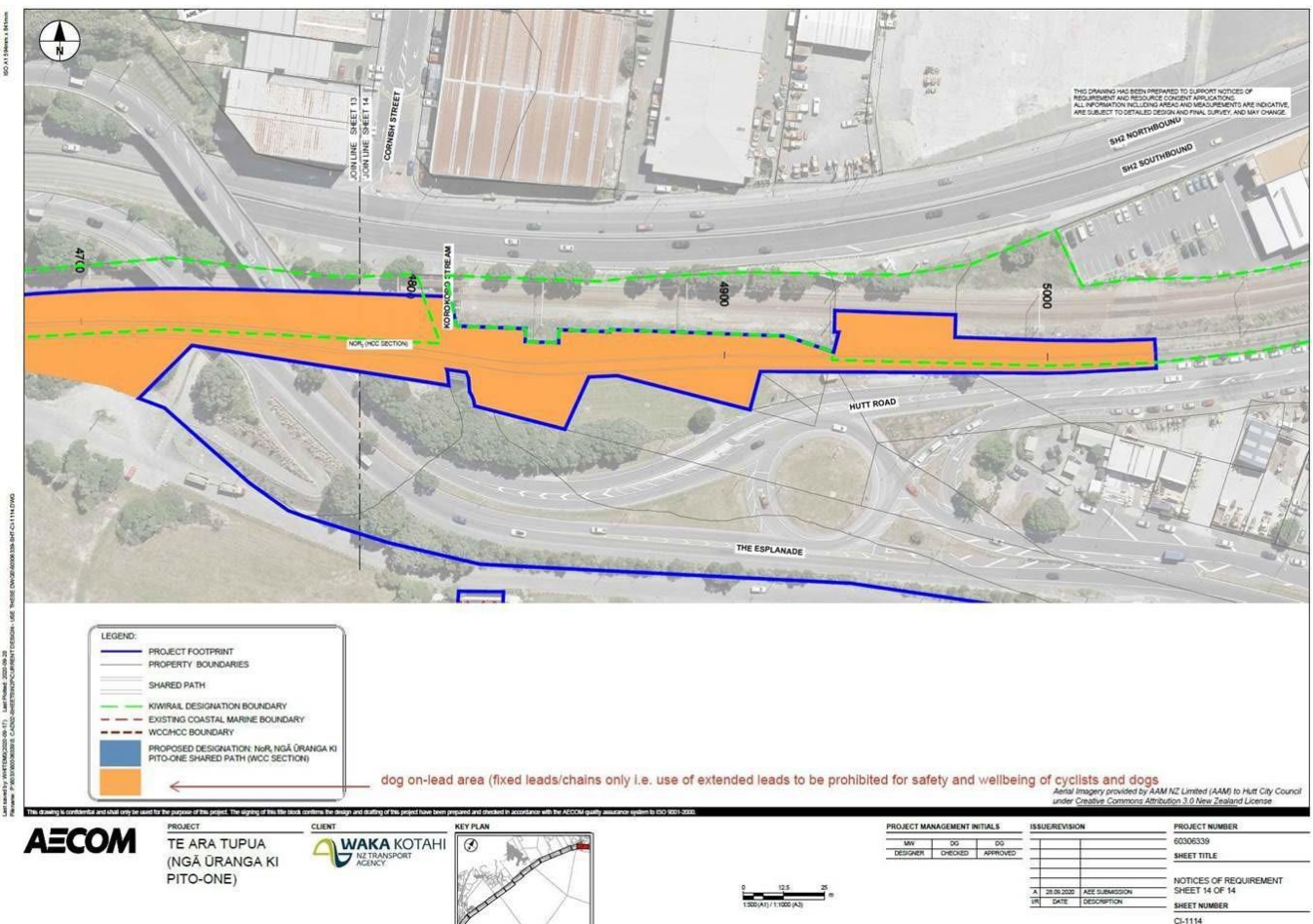
7	Dog Control Policy	Map	Support in part	NZTA generally supports the exclusion of the Honiana Te Puni Reserve the maps detailing the proposed changes to Dog Exercise Areas. However, confirmation is sought from Council that dogs must be kept on an effectual, nonretractable leash or chain on the entire Te Ara Tupua shared path within the Hutt City Council boundary, as shown on the plans included in Attachments 1 and 2.	Council to confirm that the entire Te Ara Tupua pathway, including the Ngā Ūranga to Pito-One and the Pito-One to Melling sections within the Hutt City Council boundary, will be classified as 'dog on leash only' area.
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Attachment 1 – Te Ara Tupua – Hutt City Council Section of Ngā Ūranga to Pito-One









Attachment 1 – Te Ara Tupua – Hutt City Council Section Pito-One to Melling

10. Caroline Gardiner

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No

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

Commercial walkers must adhere to sanctioned areas

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

must be reduced to 2 minimum not 4

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

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not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

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not answered

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not answered

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Parkway?**

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Are LHCC whom I pay rates for service to be delivered going to pick up dog faeces from footpath outside 303 Jackson St Petone 24/7/365? Reminder to LHCC I own parapet dogs are pooing under ergo I'll remove parapet on 303 which I lawfully own as a deterrant- confirmed by LHCC at my in person historically. LHCC needs to remove Jackson St 303 Jackson dog poos 24/7/365 meantime I'll call animal control 24/7/365. Council perhaps needs to remember ratepayers. me have had a gutsful. I expect my rates payment to deliver a service & require a talking slot for 303 Jackson St @ upcoming May

meeting. Note your IT 'reasonable' steps disclaimer is appalling pathetic unacceptable claptrap- please explain from your

head of IT required or our Mayor without any fluffy diversionally language. My lawful right to speak is non-negotiable.

Suggest your rubbish contractors help with poo collection since some seem to think it's wonderful doing a dump and drop.of our bin on Jackson St is bloody wonderful- well it's

bloody well not LH Mayor and Councillors. Email me time for my speaking slot in May please. Meantime if you've any proactive suggestions where I should be delivering other dog owners poos left under 303 parapet please don't hesitate to reach out.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

11. Lyall Huizer

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Don't Know

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

We support the hutt river walk and cycle trails only accessible by dogs on leads. Where cycle trails pass through dog exercise areas the onus is on dog owners to control their dogs and cyclist walkers to be tolerant. Many dog owner

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Dogs off leads southern side of korokoro stream. And in the stream.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard

Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse

Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset

Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset

Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this

proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon

Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon

Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

No

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

**Q44. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont**

Reserve?

not answered

**Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern
Hutt Riverbank?**

No

**Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q47. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove
and Ava Bridge East End?**

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

**Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a
Subcommittee hearing**

Yes

12. Parker Jones (MIRO)

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? No

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

No

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of

dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard

Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse

Park?

not answered

**Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change in Richard Prouse Park?**

not answered

**Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset
Point?**

No

**Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset
Point?**

not answered

**Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this
proposed change to Sunset Point?**

not answered

**Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon
Park?**

No

**Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the
Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon
Park, or do you prefer the current rules?**

not answered

**Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change to Avalon park?**

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park,

Moera?

not answered

**Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change to York Park?**

not answered

**Q30. Would you like to review changes to
Wainuiomata prohibition areas?**

No

**Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition
areas in Wainuiomata?**

not answered

**Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed
changes to the commercial and residential
areas pictured above?**

not answered

**Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,
Waiwhetu?**

not answered

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

**Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the

**drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway
in Wainuiomata?**

No

**Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and
Parkway?**

not answered

**Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in
this drainage reserve?**

not answered

**Q39. Would you like to review changes to
Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

No

**Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington
Canal?**

not answered

**Q41. Do you have any comments about the change
through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

**Q42. Would you like to review changes to the
Western Hutt Riverbank?**

No

**Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q44. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont**

Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern

Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt

Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change

along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove

and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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MIRO has been monitoring and protecting the banded dotterels along the Eastbourne Foreshore for the last 9 years. We have had two examples of dogs targeting the banded dotterels who have the same endangered status as the blue duck and giant spotted kiwi. One dog had a dotterel chick in its mouth with the owner doing nothing. MIRO would like to propose that during the nesting season of July through February the foreshore area south of MIRO Street to Lions rock is an on leash area to ensure no dog interference. Currently the map shows no rules for this area.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

13. Caroline Bray (Wainuiomata AFC)

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? No

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

No

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

The eastern side of RP is used by the Junior football club as a vital overflow from the sole training field. There is already a purpose-built dog park 5km away. Keep this space on-lead.

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park,

Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to

Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition

areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed

changes to the commercial and residential

areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,

Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

No

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change

along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont

Reserve?

not answered

**Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern
Hutt Riverbank?**

No

**Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q47. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove
and Ava Bridge East End?**

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

Other proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw primarily include administrative changes, alignment with the Dog Control Act, and additional wording to clarify existing content. You can read those changes to the Policy and Bylaw in the Statement of Proposal here. If you have any comments to make about those other changes, please include them below.

not answered

**Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a
Subcommittee hearing**

Yes

14. Catherine Petrey

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

The rules are unfair. The Hutt has insufficient off-lead areas that are not unfenced and close to high speed roads eg requiring a 4m gap to a pathway in Belmont Domain is unfair and unworkable.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

Commercial walkers should still be limited in the number of dogs being walked off-lead at any one time and particularly when simultaneously handling on-lead dogs. They set fees to cover their income

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

There should be NO exemption above if you have five dogs as an individual then walk three and then walk two.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

No

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to

Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

I support the restriction for the safety of the dogs. These areas should have greater fencing to protect from high speed traffic.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

Yes

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

Yes support fencing for safety of dogs and penguins from traffic

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

Dogs on lead should be allowed

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Yes

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

Overdue

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

Yes

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

Overdue

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? Yes

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

Overdue

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

Yes

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

Overdue

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

Yes

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

Overdue

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Don't know

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

I can't understand the instructions or the interactive map. But I strongly support all the areas beside the Hutt River from K-G Bridge as far north s possible but oppose the 4m separation form any walkway and no priority to bikeerss.

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

Again - try to keep some separation from high speed roads and police illegal use by electric bikes motor bikes and electric scooters.

Q48. Additional comments

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I wish to speak to my submission. I am concerned that the council is deliberately encouraging bike access to dog exercise areas and is not investing in informing these users of dog exercise areas and dog walkers should be given priority.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

15. Michael Gendall

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

The current dog exercise areas should be maintained as off lead areas. We use the Hutt Riverbank regularly and at no point have there been any issues that suggest a change is required. The majority of the users of the Hutt Riverbank are dog owners.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

No

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

In my experience those who walk these dogs often have greater control of their dogs than those with less dogs. Limiting the number of dogs to below four does will not make a difference.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usedaylight saving timeas the standard across all relevant areas

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

not answered

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? not answered

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

not answered

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

not answered

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** not answered

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. **Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?**

not answered

Q37. **Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?**

not answered

Q38. **Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?**

not answered

Q39. **Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

not answered

Q40. **Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q41. **Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q42. **Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?**

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

This is an ideal off lead space for dogs.

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

This is an ideal off lead exercise area for dogs.

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

16. Kevin Goldsbury (Ignite Sport)

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? No

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

not answered

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

not answered

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. **Would you like to review changes to York Park?** not answered

Q28. **Do you support this change to York Park,**

Moera?

not answered

Q29. **Do you have any comments about the proposed**

change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. **Would you like to review changes to**

Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

not answered

Q31. **Do you support removing these prohibition**

areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. **Do you have any comments about the proposed**

changes to the commercial and residential

areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. **Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,**

Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** No

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed**

change to Bell Park?

Bell Park has been redeveloped for picnics, walking, running, pump track for children, exercise stations. Activities are run every day on the artificial courts and the surrounding park by students and

children at Ignite Sport. The park is also a thoroughf

**Q36. Would you like to review changes to the
drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway
in Wainuiomata?**

not answered

**Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and
Parkway?**

not answered

**Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in
this drainage reserve?**

not answered

**Q39. Would you like to review changes to
Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

not answered

**Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington
Canal?**

not answered

**Q41. Do you have any comments about the change
through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

**Q42. Would you like to review changes to the
Western Hutt Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q44. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont**

Reserve?

not answered

**Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern
Hutt Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q47. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove
and Ava Bridge East End?**

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

**Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a
Subcommittee hearing**

Yes

17. Sally Bain

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

I'd love to prohibit cyclists from the gravel path by the river! You can't hear them coming and that give dog owners no chance to stop their dogs in time. People should be encouraged to use bells also. I don't care if it gives people a fright, it's better.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing

commercial dog walkers?

Only that they must be required to wear brand clothing so public can identify them. And that they can use branded cars so we can have a heads up when we might come access them. Maybe a license number on display in the transportation vehicle?

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Neutral

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

I think someone who knows the dogs well could walk six especially if on leashes but must demonstrate instant recall and hold for an extension from 4-6.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered**Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?**

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Fair enough, since the beach is still off leash. It's nice to see some pride/mana in there.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

That would be a lovely addition to the area.

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

No

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

It's not big enough. There are already quite a few pairs of birds in by

the beach there, it may upset them to be squished. Why not make the whole beach and out to the point good for karoā, it's already got the vegetation and could easily be fenced off if

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

not answered

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

not answered

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

18. Gavin Forrest

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? No, but I visit with my dog(s)!

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of

dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usedaylight saving timeas the standard across all relevant areas

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

The green area includes access to the Koroko Stream and the only

piece of grass after recent developments dramatically reduced access to grass areas. The Korokoro Stream provides two important dog welfare roles - freshwater for rinsing & vital drinking.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** not answered

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. **Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?**

No

Q37. **Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?**

not answered

Q38. **Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?**

not answered

Q39. **Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

No

Q40. **Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q41. **Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q42. **Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?**

No

Q43. **Do you support this change to the Western Hutt**

Riverbank?

not answered

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change

along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont

Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern

Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt

Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change

along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove

and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

19. Roger Tuarau

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

No

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of

dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Neutral

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

I propose that i put in a dog wash in all council dog parks this will add another dimension to owning a dogs? K9000 dogwash systems

contact Roger or Karl Tuarau 0275779759

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

Neutral

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

As Above

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

Neutral

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

As above

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

As above

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Neutral

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

As above

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

Yes

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

Neutral

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

As above

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? Neutral

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

As above

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

Neutral

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

As above

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

Neutral

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

As above

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Neutral

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

As above

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Neutral

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

As above

Q48. Additional comments

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Dog wash proposal this proposal will have obvious limitations and practical applications but we just wanted to start the conversation?

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

20. Karen Naylor

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

No

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Hutt city council needs to employ roaming dog patrol officers which also visits dog exercise areas. They also need to employ people that are not afraid to approach irresponsible dog owners.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

I have come across dog walkers that have large out of control packs.

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

Should be three and should be on a lead. Dogs act differently in a pack and can be more confrontational.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usespecific months(e.g. December to March) as the standard

across all relevant areas.

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to

Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** not answered

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. **Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?**

No

Q37. **Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?**

not answered

Q38. **Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?**

not answered

Q39. **Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

No

Q40. **Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q41. **Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q42. **Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?**

No

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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There is a lack of rules around the person responsible for the dog. As you survey highlights a lot of people look after other people's dogs and the rules do not apply to them - only the dog owner. There are no rules or licensing for dog trainers – I have come across an irresponsible trainer and I believe one of the animal control officers have come across her

as well and are not impressed with her approach. Your survey reveals that there is a lack of enforcement. In the last year my dog has twice been attacked by another dog due to irresponsible dog owners. The response for the Dog control officers has been slow. They seem to lack empathy or try to downplay how bad the situation is and are on the side of the irresponsible dog owner. They claim they can't do much when all you get is there mobile number. When you dog has been attacked by another dog the situation is quite heated, and you are quite shaken by the experience. Just getting the persons phone number is hard enough. In both instances they have been able to contact the person and or get their home address by other means. It feels like the animal control officers are too busy and need more resourcing to carry out enforcement in a timely manner. I now feel on edge whenever I take my dog for a walk even on my own street where one of the attacks occurred. It seems that there has been a sharp increase in irresponsible dog owners in the last year and that when the council does respond there is little justice for the victim. I have requested hospital dog attack stats for Lower Hutt which shows there has been a sharp increase in the number of people going to hospital for dog attacks in the last year. It also shows that the current council actions are not adequate. It seems to be putting irresponsible dog owners ahead of public safety. Your survey also shows that a third of people are not happy with the enforcement of council bylaws and/or the Dog Control Act.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

21. Margaret Miller

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of

dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard

Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse

Park?

not answered

**Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change in Richard Prouse Park?**

not answered

**Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset
Point?**

No

**Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset
Point?**

not answered

**Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this
proposed change to Sunset Point?**

not answered

**Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon
Park?**

Yes

**Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the
Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon
Park, or do you prefer the current rules?**

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths,
prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Avalon park?

I have sent my comments to policy@huttcity.govt.nz

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park,

Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to

Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition

areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed

changes to the commercial and residential

areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,

Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

No

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change

along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont

Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern

Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt

Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change

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not answered

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a

Subcommittee hearing

Yes

Letter Submission

Hutt City Council

Review of dog walkways

Avalon Park

My Family has lived in Charleston Avenue, two minutes walk away from Avalon Park, for 47 Years.

I use to run, now at 76, I walk the park four to five days a week, and have done for those 47 years. People do stick to the allocated paths and have their dogs on a lead. I did not have a dog for 39 years, and I never had any issue with dogs during that period.

I now have a dog 9yrs (a pug, Lulu) and walk her most days around the Fairway Drive path (painted dog path). I have chosen not to use the path between the new basketball hoop and the new skate board park during the mid to late day. This is because you never know when a ball is going to 'miss' or a scooter come out on to the path. I am happy to not use that one path BUT to ban us from the whole park, except the north end is totally unfair. My daily walk and Lulu's walk is our time and we both love the park; Lulu for the exercise and me for the exercise and for the lovely trees and watching the numerous activities for the children and now youth and adults. I was a Teacher so love to see them enjoying themselves and learning new skills.

I have watched the park develop over many years from a concrete slide to today's skate board park and basketball hoop. It is one fantastic place, I love it. BUT I think those of us who also choose to use the park, are entitled to walk our dog on a lead. We pay our HCC Rates, we pay our Dog licence, surely that gives us some entitlement to walk our dog. Are you going to band children from the North end of the park? I think not. So why can't we be considered responsible people and continue to walk our dogs on the other dog painted park paths.

I usually walk first thing in the morning ie 6 - 8am when there are no children or activities being used BUT Lulu and I do love going over at the weekend to sit on a bench and watch the ducks or the skate park. This is one fantastic facility you have built, please don't spoil it for dog owners and dogs by limiting their access.

The only path I would agree to not taking Lulu on is the one between the two activities as mentioned above.

Regards

Margaret Miller

BREAK (11:45-12:30)

22. Pauline Marshall

Submission on draft Dog Control Policy

I applaud HCC's objective to bring clarity to the dog control bylaws but suggest there is still much clarity needed – especially the dog exercise areas in Eastbourne. This policy review process should have provided HCC with the opportunity to designate an appropriate area for dog exercise in Eastbourne but nothing sensible and practical is proposed.

This submission outlines a logical option that comes at no cost to the ratepayers.

HCC intends to ban dogs from the beaches in the Eastern Bays, so there are very few credible options for dogs to run, play and swim. The area currently proposed by HCC in Muritai is frequently under water at high tide – therefore unusable (under water every day in Easter week 2025).

The logical beach area for a dog exercise and swimming area is currently shown on HCC's dog control map as a continuous stretch of grey from south of Miro St to Lion's Rock. This area, even in the proposed map, has no official designation.

This area has a very rough shingle surface which has been gradually forming since the late 1980s, secured by the seawall funded by the ratepayers of Eastbourne borough. Prior to the 1990s, the seawall groynes were frequently visible and seawater was often lapping against the seawall.

This strip of beach area has no historic significance as it is less than 30 years old.

Additional reasons why this area is a logical dog exercise area include:

- it is self-defining, meaning its boundaries could be easily recognised by dog owners from across our city – thus facilitating compliance
- the beach surface is very rough and the sea is a long walk across this rough terrain so is not attractive to families carrying kids and wanting to picnic.

The dotterels could be rehomed to the area south of Burdens Gate, well away from the domestic cats that currently wander freely across the beach south of Miro St.

Dog walking promotes human health as well as community health and well-being. Where there are appropriate spaces for dogs to run and play together, the dog owners, regardless of ethnicity, gender or age, tend to happily engage together and so strengthen

communities. Dog owner behaviour at the Dalton dog park in Wainui-o-mata is an excellent example of this social engagement.

A dog exercise area on the beach from Miro Street south to Lion's Rock would be a logical and much used community asset for not just Eastbourne dog owners but dog owners from across Lower Hutt.

Submission from Pauline Marshall. I would welcome the opportunity to present to councillors.

23. Lyle Earl

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

No

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

not answered

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No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

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not answered

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No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

No

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

not answered

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? not answered

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Prevents dogs swimming off lead in the Korokoro Stream. This is one of the few clean safe places for dogs to wash salt and sand in fresh water after swimming, especially when there are toxic algae

warnings for Hutt River/other waterways.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths,

prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Bell Park?

not answered

**Q36. Would you like to review changes to the
drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway
in Wainuiomata?**

No

**Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and
Parkway?**

not answered

**Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in
this drainage reserve?**

not answered

**Q39. Would you like to review changes to
Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

No

**Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington
Canal?**

not answered

**Q41. Do you have any comments about the change
through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

**Q42. Would you like to review changes to the
Western Hutt Riverbank?**

No

**Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q44. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont
Reserve?**

not answered

**Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern
Hutt Riverbank?**

No

**Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt
Riverbank?**

not answered

**Q47. Do you have any comments about the change
along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove
and Ava Bridge East End?**

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

**Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a
Subcommittee hearing**

Yes

24. Erin Cassidy

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Neutral

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Shared pathways are just that - shared. Removing the stopbank path from dog on leads reduces the ability for families (with pushchairs, kids trikes etc) exercising with their family and dog(s).
Education for all users required. Don't remove from dogs.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

Professional dog walkers should meet a competency standard.

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Neutral

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

Consideration of 5 dogs rather than a max of 4.

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usespecific months(e.g. December to March) as the standard

across all relevant areas.

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Maintain the current exercise area, with dogs having off leash access to swim in the fresh water stream and along the reserve.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

Yes

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

Yes

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support keeping the current rules (dogs on-lead on walking paths, prohibited elsewhere)

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

Yes

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

Yes

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? Yes

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

Yes

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

Yes

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

Yes

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

25. Sarah Wedde

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? No

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

No

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

The council needs to actually enforce by laws because currently owners know they can do whatever they like with no consequences.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

Yes

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

Yes

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

There needs to be an enforced limit on the number of dogs walked at one time and the dogs need to be on leash at all times.

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer?

Use specific months(e.g. December to March) as the standard across all relevant areas.

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

not answered

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard

Prouse Park?

Yes

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse

Park?

Yes

**Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed
change in Richard Prouse Park?**

not answered

**Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset
Point?**

Yes

**Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset
Point?**

Yes

**Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this
proposed change to Sunset Point?**

not answered

**Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon
Park?**

Yes

**Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the
Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon
Park, or do you prefer the current rules?**

I support completely prohibiting dogs from this section of Avalon

Park

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? Yes

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park,

Moera?

No

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to York Park?

I do not support this change. This area is already extremely unsafe due to roaming offleash dogs.

Q30. Would you like to review changes to

Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition

areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed

changes to the commercial and residential

areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park,

Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? not answered

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed

change to Bell Park?

not answered

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

Yes

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

No

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

I absolutely do not support these changes. Naenae is very unsafe due to roaming dogs and this will make the problem far worse.

Appalled that this is even being considered when the animal control officers already can't deal with the dog problem in Naenae.

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

I do not support any change. You're prohibiting people from using certain areas due to uncontrolled dogs running loose. Your animal control officers refuse to take action when there is a problem so why create more?

Q48. Additional comments

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I strongly urge the council to take a long hard look at their weak attitude towards the dog problem in the city.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

26. Elizabeth Feary

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? Yes

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

Needs more signage & culture change around use of warning bell by cyclists to alert pedestrians of approach.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of

dogs an individual can walk?

No

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

not answered

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Usespecific months(e.g. December to March) as the standard

across all relevant areas.

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

No

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Stream important area for social interaction & enjoyment of people and dogs ability to wash off salt & sand. When beach too windy, grassy area provides shelter for off leash exercise.

Cycles can be routed north away from area.

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

No

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

not answered

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

No

Q34. **Do you support this change to Bell Park?** not answered

Q35. **Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?**

not answered

Q36. **Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?**

No

Q37. **Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?**

not answered

Q38. **Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?**

not answered

Q39. **Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?**

No

Q40. **Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q41. **Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?**

not answered

Q42. **Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?**

No

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

not answered

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

No

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

not answered

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

not answered

Q48. Additional comments

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not answered

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes

27. Merran Bakker

Q1. Are you a registered dog owner? No

Q2. Do you live in Lower Hutt? Yes

Q3. Would you like to give feedback on our approach to shared pathways in Lower Hutt, for example along the Hutt Riverbank

Yes

Q4. Do you support the educational approach to managing shared pathways?

Yes

Q5. Do you have any comments to make about shared pathways?

I think it is important for dog owners to have their dogs on a leash whilst using all shared paths, for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. clear signage will help with this.

Q6. Do you want to give feedback on licensing commercial dog walkers

No

Q7. Do you support Council managing commercial dog walkers in public spaces through a licensing system?

not answered

Q8. Do you have any comments about licensing commercial dog walkers?

not answered

Q9. Do you want to give feedback on the number of dogs an individual can walk?

Yes

Q10. Do you support limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time (without an exemption) to four?

Yes

Q11. Do you have any comments about limiting the number of dogs an individual can walk to four?

not answered

Q12. Do you want to give feedback on wording for summertime restrictions?

Yes

Q13. Do you support making the wording consistent throughout the Bylaw

Yes

Q14. If yes, which approach do you prefer? Use daylight saving times the standard across all relevant areas

Q15. Would you like to review changes to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Yes

Q16. Do you support the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

Neutral

Q17. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Honiana Te Puni Reserve?

This is a popular dog exercise area so it would be good to find a safe way for dogs to roam under control - but only if they can be kept off the shared pathway. so go to dogs on lead if this is not possible

Q18. Would you like to review changes to Richard Prouse Park?

No

Q19. Do you support this change to Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q20. Do you have any comments about the proposed change in Richard Prouse Park?

not answered

Q21. Would you like to review changes to Sunset Point?

No

Q22. Do you support the proposed change in Sunset Point?

not answered

Q23. Do you have any comments to make about this proposed change to Sunset Point?

not answered

Q24. Would you like to review changes to Avalon Park?

Yes

Q25. Would you support prohibiting dogs from the

Southern section (highlighted in pink) of Avalon Park, or do you prefer the current rules?

I support completely prohibiting dogs from this section of Avalon Park

Q26. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Avalon park?

not answered

Q27. Would you like to review changes to York Park? No

Q28. Do you support this change to York Park, Moera?

not answered

Q29. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to York Park?

not answered

Q30. Would you like to review changes to Wainuiomata prohibition areas?

No

Q31. Do you support removing these prohibition areas in Wainuiomata?

not answered

Q32. Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the commercial and residential areas pictured above?

not answered

Q33. Would you like to review changes to Bell Park, Waiwhetu?

Yes

Q34. Do you support this change to Bell Park? No

Q35. Do you have any comments about the proposed change to Bell Park?

I'd prefer to see dogs on leash in this area

Q36. Would you like to review changes to the drainage reserve between Konini and Parkway in Wainuiomata?

No

Q37. Do you support this change between Konini and Parkway?

not answered

Q38. Do you have any comments about the change in this drainage reserve?

not answered

Q39. Would you like to review changes to Waddington Canal, Naenae?

No

Q40. Do you support this change to Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q41. Do you have any comments about the change through Waddington Canal?

not answered

Q42. Would you like to review changes to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q43. Do you support this change to the Western Hutt Riverbank?

Neutral

Q44. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank North of Belmont Reserve?

As with previous comment it's important that dogs are controlled on pathways through this area, preferably leashed

Q45. Would you like to review changes to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Yes

Q46. Do you support this change to the Eastern Hutt Riverbank?

Neutral

Q47. Do you have any comments about the change along the Hutt Riverbank between Croft Grove and Ava Bridge East End?

This could be approved as long as it is clear that dogs must be leashed on the shared path. Signposting and education/enforcement would be necessary

Q48. Additional comment

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The changes seem satisfactory. My main concern as a cyclist and pedestrian is that unleashed dogs are kept off transport paths for the safety of all.

Q49. Would you like to speak on this topic at a Subcommittee hearing

Yes