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## MORE FENCED DOG PARKS IN WELLINGTON CENTRAL

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**Primary Petitioner:** Hannah Barry-Goss  
**Total Signatures:** 439

**Presented by:** Councillor Pannett  
**Contact Officer:** Amber Bill  
**Director Responsible:** Greg Orchard

### Recommendation

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

### Background

1. The ePetition "More Fenced Dog Parks in Wellington Central" was initiated by Hannah Barry-Goss on 24 December 2014 and closed on 24 March 2015.
2. The purpose of the ePetition is to request Council create more fenced dog parks in Wellington Central. The ePetitioner notes that there are only two fenced dog parks in the area. She states that even the most well-trained dog could get distracted and run onto the road, causing a traffic hazard and potential injury to the dog. She suggests this can be prevented by having at least a few more areas owners can safely take their dog without concerns of them being able to freely leave the park.
3. The ePetition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 439 signatures.

### Officers' response

4. Dog owners have been advocating for the provision of more fenced dog exercise areas for many years.
5. The draft Long Term Plan includes funding for three new fenced dog exercise areas, the aim is to achieve a geographical spread across the City.
6. The draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan proposes two locations for new fully fenced dog exercise areas (1) Ian Galloway Park – the proposal is to relocate the existing unfenced dog exercise area to another part of the park and to fully fence the area; (2) Sinclair Park/Houghton Bay Valley road – the proposal is to fence part of the existing dog exercise area.
7. An additional new fenced area is proposed in Tawa. The final location of this will be subject to further consultation, but Council Officers have suggested Taylor Park.
8. There is one existing fenced dog exercise area at Cog Park which is very popular.
9. Should the Long Term Plan funding be confirmed, Council will be able to construct and maintain four fenced dog exercise areas: Cog Park (Eastern Ward), Sinclair Park (Southern Ward), Ian Galloway Park (Western Ward) and one in the Northern Ward (potentially Taylor Park).

10. The second fenced area mentioned in the e-Petition is in Aro Valley and is an area leased by the Central Allbreeds Dog Training School. The club have had it fenced to enable dog obedience and agility training. It is not a formal dog exercise area.

## **Attachments**

Nil