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Ordinary Meeting of Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel Rārangi Take | Agenda

9:30 am Rāapa Wednesday, 1 Whiringa-ā-rangi November 2023
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Pōneke | Wellington



SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC HEARINGS PANEL

1 NOVEMBER 2023

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MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Abdurahman (Chair)
Councillor Apanowicz
Councillor Chung
Councillor Free
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor O'Neill

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AREA OF FOCUS

The Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel has responsibility for hearing oral submissions (if required) on all consultations and engagements that will come to the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee for decision.

To read the full delegations of this committee, please visit wellington.govt.nz/meetings.

Quorum: 4 members

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the hui with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the hui.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness
I te ara takatū	To clear, to free the heart, the body
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	and the spirit of mankind
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Āe rā, kua wātea!	Let this all be done in unity

1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the hui, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 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.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the hui:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent hui.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the hui that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent hui of the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel for further discussion.

1.6 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any hui of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 31.2 a written, oral, or electronic application to address the hui setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the hui concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Requests for public participation can be sent by email to public.participation@wcc.govt.nz, by post to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, or by phone at 04 499 4444 and asking to speak to Democracy Services.

2. General Business

ANIMAL BY-LAW, DOG POLICY, AND DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY - ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

- 1. This report to the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel asks that hearings panel members recognise the speakers who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the Animal By-law, Dog Policy, and Domestic Animal Policy.

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- ☐ Sustainable, natural eco city
- ☐ People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- ☐ Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- ☐ Dynamic and sustainable economy
- ☐ Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- ☐ Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- ☐ Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- ☐ Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- ☐ Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- ☐ Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

The Animal by-law, Dog policy, and Domestic Animal Policy. was approved for consultation at the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee on 31 August 2023.

Financial considerations

- ☒ Nil
- ☐ Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan
- ☐ Unbudgeted \$X

Risk

- ☒ Low
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ High
- ☐ Extreme

Author	Steph James, Democracy Advisor
Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion.

That the Social, Cultural, and Economic Hearings Panel:

1. Receive the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for their submissions.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

1. This report asks that hearings panel members recognise the speakers who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the Animal By-law, Dog Policy, and Domestic Animal Policy.

Takenga mai | Background

2. Wellington City Council consulted the community from 18 September 2023 until 18 October 2023. There were 2085 submissions on dogs, 562 on cats, 172 on other animals (poultry, bees, stock).

Kōrerorero | Discussion

3. Attachment 1 comprises the written submissions of those who confirmed they wanted to speak to their submission on the Animal By-law, Dog Policy, and Domestic Animal Policy.
4. The list of speakers and the page number of the submissions are provided at the end of this report.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

5. The decision on the Animal By-law, Dog Policy, and Domestic Animal Policy is scheduled to be considered at the meeting of Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on 29 February 2024. The full submission document will be published alongside that meeting's agenda. The final decision on the Animal By-law will be recommended to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council and is scheduled to be considered at the 7 March 2024 meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Submissions of the oral submitters [!\[\]\(4f6bf54ae7e4144a72d78316053e412d_img.jpg\)](#) 

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Respondent No: 92

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 19, 2023 08:11:30 am

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2023 08:11:30 am

- Q1. **Name:** Thomas Kay
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** not answered
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | No preference |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | No preference |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Very important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Do not support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Do not support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Do not support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I strongly support the requirement to carry waste bags, and to have greater enforcement of this. However, I am concerned about the opening up of Oriental Bay to dogs in summer, and the opening up of some other reserves. My experience (albeit anecdotal) is that signage about leash use etc is often ignored, so opening up an area (eg Kaiwharawhara) for dogs on leash could result in people simply abusing that rule and having dogs off leash. I'm also concerned about the management of waste at oriental bay (where people regularly swim) and the disruption to those people (particularly children) who are not comfortable with dogs. Despite what people think, we don't all love dogs. I would much rather have a city (and beaches) dominated by native birds - including those that nest and feed on the beach - rather than a city dominated by dogs. It frustrates me that we are talking about opening up to be a "dog friendly city" at the same time as working on projects like "Capital Kiwi" and Predator Free Wellington - wanting kiwi roaming our backyards and reserves. Dogs and kiwi do not mix, and setting a precedent now for a focus on dogs potentially undermines and frustrates our ability to have kiwi roaming reserves safely in future. I also note dogs have a significant carbon footprint - something we seem to be forgetting in what is a climate crisis. While I appreciate we must accomodate dogs and provide for their welfare (and the wellbeing of the people around who do not love dogs), we should not be encouraging dog ownership more readily - I strongly feel dogs should not be prioritised over our native species and people (and children) in our community who feel threatened by or are uncomfortable with dogs.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

not answered

Q25. Contact number:

not answered

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 308
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 10:12:09 am
Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 10:12:09 am

- Q1. **Name:** Trish Wheeler
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Not important at all |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | No preference |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Not important at all |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

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Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I would really like to be able to take my dog on the train (off peak is fine) so I don't have to drive everywhere! Happy to buy a muzzle! He is a very quiet Labradoodle... overseas guests are amazed he can't go on public transport here!

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Yes

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[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

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not answered

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Respondent No: 150

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 19, 2023 19:36:20 pm

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2023 19:36:20 pm

Q1. Name:	Khoi
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	not answered
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
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Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
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Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
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Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Please provide fence and bin for any off lease dog park area.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

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not answered

Q25. Contact number:	not answered
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Respondent No: 269

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 21, 2023 15:17:45 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2023 15:17:45 pm

Q1. **Name:** Petra Jaeger-Letts

Q2. **Suburb:**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:**

[REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Very important

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar No preference

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Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The City Council needs to put more money into ENFORCEMENT of regulations. We don't need to be more "dog friendly". Dog owners in this city do whatever they like anyway. Dogs off-leash in the Botanical Gardens is a daily occurrence, for example. WCC needs to make it more clear with signage the areas where dogs MUST BE ON LEASH and then do something about off-leash dogs. We need to be more "friendly" to people who do not want to be attacked or accosted by dogs off-leash in undesignated areas. Off-leash dogs defecate wherever the urge strikes, and the owners "conveniently" don't see it, so making them carry bags is pointless. You need to enforce the pick up of poo and start ticketing people who do not use the bags (or just leave the bags full of poo on the side of the path). Dog owners, especially owners of large dogs, do whatever they want and feel like they own the city and parks. There is never any enforcement. I suggest putting more money into getting dog patrols, enforcing the regulations, and putting up signage to make other parks safe for people with small dogs or who are afraid of dogs.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 272

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 21, 2023 15:09:12 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2023 15:09:12 pm

Q1. **Name:** Cyrus Ranchhod

Q2. **Suburb:**

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:**

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Very important

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar Very important

Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas Very important

Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) Very important

Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry Very important

Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users Very important

Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints No preference

Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste Very important

Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads Very important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place	No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve	No preference
with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I go my dog over a year ago. My first time being a pet owner. I'm so proud of my city in the way it has made spaces for us and how easy it is to enjoy the outdoors with her. I genuinely support any initiative that encourages off leash walking. We have abundant space and as a person who has a small backyard, knowing I have the space in the city to let her run wild is really important. Thanks for making this a priority. Wellingtonians are incredibly welcoming of dogs generally and I think non dog owners will get behind this. Lastly, I would love the city to work with business to encourage but more importantly promote dog friendly cafes/bars/premises. I honestly think if council websites consolidated this data we would encourage more businesses to open up to dogs.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

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Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 316

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 21, 2023 18:13:28 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2023 18:13:28 pm

Q1. Name:	Danielle Casey
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	not answered
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Very important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Not important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Strongly support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly do not support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

not answered

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so [here](#).

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 329

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 21, 2023 18:03:48 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2023 18:03:48 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Lesley Picking
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Not important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Very important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | No preference |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Very important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Very important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The change to hours at Island Bay beach will negative impact all those who walk their dogs there through the day. Reef street off leash area is a muddy death trap and isn't a suitable replacement for daytime beach access in the summer. By limiting hours have removed a window of opportunity for a lot of people. Including those who work from home and walk at the dog beach during their lunch breaks, young parents who use it while their kids are at school, retired people who incorporate a visit to the beach into their day etc. In the weekends it is a very popular dog beach with families and it will mean Island Bay locals will have to use a car to drive to Lyall Bay dog beach to have a family/dog beach day out. I support moving the allocation of space to encourage restoration of the dunes, however limiting the hours is going to mean people exercise their dogs less, therefore getting less activity themselves. Dogs will get less socialisation as a result. Based on the current number of owners with off lead dogs we get in Owhiro Bay every day, I have no doubt that the threat of getting a fine between 10am and 7pm on Island Bay beach will just push people to Owhiro Bay instead. The stubborn and bloody minded attitude of dog owners who already illegally allow their dogs be off lead on the South Coast increases threat to wildlife in the Quarry area, and all along the South Coast from Owhiro Bay to Te Kopahau. Limiting hours at Island Bay beach will just fuel this issue by giving owners one less legitimate place to go through the day.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 85

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 03, 2023 16:27:15 pm

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2023 16:27:15 pm

Q1. Name:	Rachel Ann Steele
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Not important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	No preference
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I feel very strongly about the proposed changes to island Bay beach. My observations are that dogs generally stay away from the sand dune area. The sand dunes are MOSTLY affected by big waves, ever changing tides and the wind, not dogs. As an Owhiro Bay coastal resident, Island Bay beach is the closest beach we have off lead and in general we are very under- catered in terms of off lead beaches. I have already submitted a suggestion that the council consider the East end of Owhiro Bay as an off-lead area as there are no record of penguins nesting there, and to add a point made in the current proposal, there are no sand dunes. Where is the closest beach for bathing/ walking dogs in the summer? if we go with your proposal it's Houghton Bay or Lyall Bay. The proposal to put the dog off leash area in the more popular swimming / sheltered part of the beach is conflicting with bathers summer and winter. The West end part of the beach is frequently gravel and the current is a lot stronger. The area is, however, very suitable and enjoyed very much by dogs.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.





Respondent No: 449

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 22, 2023 13:41:05 pm

Last Seen: Sep 22, 2023 13:41:05 pm

Q1. Name:	Jen Abernethy
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Very important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Not important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Not important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Do not support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I live in Mt Vic and use the oriental bay beach all the time with our golden retriever and my four year old. I would love for our dog to continue his swims in the summer heat but have concerns about safety of my child around unleashed dogs when the beach is very busy (even in the winter). There is a range of responsible dog ownership and as a doctor I am very conscious of the unpredictable nature of dog bites and the devastating long term effects this has on people. Some dogs are very risky to small children playing at the beach; oriental bay beach is quite large; perhaps just making a short section of it dog friendly during extended hours over the summer will help keep kids safe from aggressive, unpredictable or threatening dogs especially when the beach is busy.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 46

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 22, 2023 14:24:01 pm

Last Seen: Sep 22, 2023 14:24:01 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Jacqui Lane
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Do you or someone in your household keep poultry?** Yes
- Q7. **Would you like to give feedback on poultry, or move on to the next section?** not answered
- Q8. **How do you feel about the proposal to clarify the scope of birds categorised as 'poultry' in the bylaw? (e.g., hens, roosters, ducks, geese, pheasants, peafowl, quail and turkeys).**
Choose one of the following: No preference
- Q9. **How do you feel about the proposal to specify the types of poultry allowed in residential areas without requiring prior permission?**
Choose one of the following: No preference
- Q10. **How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new conditions for keeping poultry, such as the requirement to store feed in vermin-proof containers?**
Choose one of the following: No preference
- Q11. **Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed poultry related changes as part of this review?**
Interesting that Turkeys aren't included in the table of poultry types (though there is brief mention of them). There is also no mention of geese.
- Q12. **Do you or someone in your household keep bees?** No
- Q13. **Would you like to give feedback on bees, or move on to the next section?** not answered
- Q14. **How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a cap of four beehives in residential areas without the need for written permission from the Council?**

Q15. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a provision that allows the Council to require the removal or relocation of hives if they cause a nuisance?

Q16. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a requirement that beekeeping on Council land must occur within licensed community garden areas?

Q17. How do you feel about the reference of legal requirements under the Biosecurity Act into the bylaw?

Q18. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed bee related changes as part of this review?

not answered

Q19. Do you or someone in your household keep stock? Yes

Q20. Would you like to give feedback on stock, or move on to the final section? not answered

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a definition for stock in the bylaw? (e.g., alpacas, cattle, deer, donkeys, horses, sheep, goats and pigs).

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q22. How do you feel about the proposal to require prior written permission for keeping stock in a residential area as part of the bylaw?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q23. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new condition requirements for keeping stock, including aspects like manure management and providing suitable living accommodations?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q24. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed stock related changes as part of this review?

I currently have horses on land in a residential area but which I obtained resource consent for to keep and graze them on. The neighbours love to see them out of their windows. Will the existing resource consent count as permission? Will other horses in the area grazing on private land also need to obtain permission? All my horse manure goes back on the pasture to improve the soil and the biome. It's been sought after rather than a nuisance. Maybe there could be collection for other types of manure to compost and feed community gardens etc.? I agree that stock should have basic requirements of shelter and companionship. Horses need friends, forage and freedom as a general rule. It is generally accepted that a waterproof or sun proof cover are sufficient to provide shelter/shade in areas where it is not practical, or allowed to build structures. However more concerning is 'over-rugging' as it is easier for a horse to warm up than cool down. What considerations will be given to covers vs shelters and appropriate use of covers? If new regulations require horses to have company, what considerations will be given to one horse which is always kept alone? I am concerned by the requirement to tag or put a collar on all stock as a rule for horses. Horses especially are very prone to injuring themselves and leaving them unattended with a collar is asking for trouble. No one would ear tag their horse either. As there's unlikely to be confusion regarding domesticated vs feral horses in Wellington, horses should be exempt from this requirement.

Q25. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q26. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q27. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q28. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q29. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 694

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 22, 2023 21:51:33 pm

Last Seen: Sep 22, 2023 21:51:33 pm

Q1. **Name:** Emma

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Not important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Not important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Not important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Not important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Not important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Do not support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Do not support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Do not support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Do not support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I'm a diehard dog fan and I love my little pup and wish I could take him everywhere where with me. However, I'm wondering how important it really is to spend money on these changes (some of which seem extremely pricey) when there's more serious issues this city needs to focus on, such as upgrading our basic infrastructure, improving water quality, and improving public transport. I feel adding a few extra boring as "exercise" parks is a waste of valuable funds. If anything around this proposal was going to be implemented, I would say allowing more access for dogs on public transport and relaxing some of the restrictions around dogs in restaurants and cafes would be the most beneficial to true dog owners.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	[REDACTED]
Q25. Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 67
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 23, 2023 13:48:02 pm
Last Seen: Sep 23, 2023 13:48:02 pm

Q1. **Name:** Deborah East

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Strongly oppose the proposed time restrictions for Island Bay beach - swimmers who don't like dogs have the main area of the beach. Just fence off the dunes properly if you don't want dogs in there!

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 606

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 16:49:30 pm

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 16:49:30 pm

Q1. **Name:** David Harkness

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** on behalf of an organisation

Q4. **Organisation:** Capital BMX Club Inc.

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
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Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

See attached letter. Please designate the BMX area as prohibited for dogs and move the Ian Galloway Park fenced dog park to the proposed new dog area at Appleton Park.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
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Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



On behalf of Capital BMX club Inc.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Wellington
[REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

16-Oct-2023

Ref: Draft Wellington dog policy feedback

Dear Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Wellington dog policy. We are writing to you to seek some changes in order to reduce the nuisance from dogs at the BMX track.

The vast majority of our track users, both club members and public, are young children some of whom are intimidated by dogs.

Following an incident in September 2022 when a dog walker parked inside the BMX leased area, opened the boot of her car and her uncontrolled dog bolted across the track whilst a race was in progress, we have been keeping a log of dog related incidents.

Since we have been monitoring, we have had 3 instances of dogs on the track during a race. These incidents have serious health & safety consequences for our riders who could be thrown from their bikes at more than 40kpmh. The last person that crashed at that pace broke several ribs, a collar bone and punctured a lung.

Even if an off-leash dog doesn't go on the track itself, they can still cause a problem in the leased area if they snap at or run in front of kids riding past to and from the start hill.

Other typical incidents are:

- off leash dogs entering the BMX leased area from the sports fields running ahead of their owner towards the fenced dog park.
- dog owners releasing their dogs from their cars near the skate ramps rather than putting them on leash to transfer to the fenced area, and the dogs running freely into the BMX area.
- dog fouling in areas that the kids use as 'pits' for bikes, and other parts of the leased area.
- dog prints in the track surface (due to them being on the track when the lime is wet, or during resurfacing operations when the site is closed), which impacts the crust and allows future water degradation.

We log 2 to 3 examples of these incidents each time we are at the track – 79 in total since last year, and we believe this is a direct consequence of having an off leash dog park next to the BMX sports facility.



Proposal Feedback

We welcome the proposal to create a new dog park at Appleton Park.

We would like the current Ian Galloway Park (IGP) dog park to be relocated elsewhere. Appleton Park has advantages to dog owners – there is more parking, the area is twice as large as the current park and it's closer to Zealandia's Rātā cafe to grab a coffee. Removing the current IGP dog park will reduce risk of conflict between dogs and all sports users (we hear of problems with off leash dogs at the skate ramps too) and would create the space for a regional scale destination pump track next to the BMX track.

Until the IGP dog park is moved, we request that the gate between the dog park and BMX area be permanently closed, and the BMX leased area to be designated a *prohibited space* for dogs, like the designation for children's playgrounds or artificial turf.

There are alternative access points for the dog park that avoid the need to traverse the BMX area, with those coming from the north able to access via the existing gate on Curtis Street, as shown in the graphic below:



Figure 1: Access to dog park avoiding BMX area shown in green.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak to Council at any hearings related to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Harkness".

David Harkness

President, Capital BMX Club Inc.



Respondent No: 426
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 16, 2023 04:41:09 am
Last Seen: Oct 16, 2023 04:41:09 am

- Q1. **Name:** Hanne Jøstensen
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | No preference |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | No preference |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | No preference |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | No preference |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | No preference |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | No preference |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: No preference

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I would like to know what options were explored before landing on the recommendation that dogs be allowed on the Eastern side of Island Bay Beach. I support the protection of the dunes, but strongly oppose WCC's proposed solution because of the following: This is a marine reserve so protection of wildlife needs to be properly considered. Forest and Bird recommended no off leash on beaches and near reserves when I contacted them about this particular issue. Water safety: Trained ocean swimmers advise me there are stronger currents on the western side, making it less safe for children in particular. Sun safety: I strongly question the rationale for allowing dogs on the eastern side morning and evening in the warmer months, when UV rating decreases and people get home from work and are able to enjoy the beach. Anyone who knows the beach knows that the Eastern side is most sheltered, has the nicest sand to relax and play in, and has sun the longest in the evening. Dog waste: Please explain how dog waste will not be an issue on the eastern side of the beach where kids dig in the sand and people relax and have picnics, when the council in the same policy suggests to restrict dogs from a current picnic area due to dog waste. I recommend more analysis go into how we can protect the dunes and have Island Bay beach be a great place for all stakeholders.

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Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 80

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 23, 2023 14:57:46 pm

Last Seen: Sep 23, 2023 14:57:46 pm

Q1. Name:	Kate
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Not important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Not important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	No preference
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Strongly support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I have a dog with high anxiety who does not like interacting with other dogs on or off leash, I know many other dogs in Wellington who are like mine. It would be great if they were thought about in the new policies of a friendly Wellington, not just all the other dogs who can go to the off leash areas. For example, it would be good if there were more parks, walks and beaches who have designations changed from 'prohibited' to 'on leash at all times' which could accommodate the high anxiety dogs. Separate areas off leash for various energy levels and anxiety levels eg one dog only allowed in one of the areas. Dogs should be allowed on any beach at any time on leash and under control as they are your companion and need to be exercised outside. This is what they have in place in Christchurch. The focus should be on a bylaw and fine for those dog owners who do not pick up their dog poo or have their dog off leash as that is usually when they can't see their dog pooing therefore leave it and do not pick it up (even when they have bags). I always pick up my dogs poo, but sometimes might not realise I was on my last bag, in these situations I wait until I see another dog walker and ask to have a bag from them. With this new bylaw I could be penalized for this which would make me more likely to leave the poo so I wouldn't get in trouble. I often see dog poo in bags left on the sidewalk as there is no bin nearby and the person means to pick it up on the way back but forgets. Having a bylaw which means they need to carry a bag will not change this. Putting more dog poo bins around the suburbs will help, especially if these bins are designed to only take dog poo so they don't get filled up with other rubbish.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 340

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 11:01:13 am

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 11:01:13 am

Q1. **Name:** Sam Valentine

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important at all
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	No preference
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	No preference
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

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Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I have a specific interest in changes being proposed at ISLAND BAY Dog Beach. Changes will have been lobbied by the local dune restoration project. Unfortunately, the effects of coastal erosion has increasingly eaten away the dunes at extending the high tide line. Dogs o have an effect on dune restoration efforts. However, this is minimal when you compare against the scale of localised erosion at the existing dog beach. The overwhelming effect is high tides paired with large swells driven through storm events arguably driven through effects of changes to the climate. The question I pose is: do the BENEFITS of the proposed changes (i.e. some minor effects related to dogs disrupting the planting efforts of the dune restoration project) offset the COSTS which include but may not be limited to: -Dog owners unable to use a local Island Bay beach for 6 months of the year. -Puts dogs in conflict with sun bathers/families in conflict at the most safe UV time of the year. -Underutilisation of the beach (as very few people other than dog walkers use the western side of the beach). -Potential for dogs to be killed as a result of the proximity of the access points of the road and the proposed dog beach location.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 204

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 24, 2023 12:37:48 pm

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2023 12:37:48 pm

Q1. **Name:** Elli Benseman

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Not important

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar Important

Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas Important

Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) Important

Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry Not important

Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users Important

Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints Not important

Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste Very important

Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads No preference

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support



Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

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Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
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Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

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Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Support
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Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

As a dog-owning Island Bay resident who uses the dog beach responsibly almost daily, I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to swap the dog and non-dog beach areas. The current dog beach is far preferable as the dog designated area because people prefer using the other side which is less rocky, better for swimming, and more easily accessible from the road. Dogs have more room to run around, are less inclined to run in the road due to proximity, and are generally out of the way of people who don't want to be near dogs on the beach. The concern that dogs are damaging the dunes is unrealistic and unfounded. In my extensive experience, dog owners are responsible about encouraging their dogs and other dogs to keep off the dunes in a positive way that does not feel like punitive community policing. I've personally witnessed a blue penguin cross from the dunes to the water at a time when many dogs and people were present, and it was heartwarming to see dog owners respectfully acknowledge the penguin by leashing their dogs and allowing the penguin to traverse the beach in peace. (The penguin, I should note, seemed remarkably unfazed by the presence of so many dogs.) In short, I do not believe that dogs are a major threat to the Island Bay dunes or the species inhabiting the dunes. I feel very strongly that if the proposed changes in Island Bay are to go ahead, humans will continue to use the same side of the beach that they always have. With dogs also present during some hours and the significant reduction in beach area during most tide times, the beach will be offensively crowded, with dogs spilling into the road creating unsafe road conditions for people and dogs alike, and increased incidents between children and dogs. The current dog beach will go virtually unused by humans and dogs alike, particularly in winter. Please reconsider this proposal and do NOT make these changes to the Island Bay beach dog bylaws.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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[REDACTED] included in any
information about submissions that WCC may
publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal
information.



Respondent No: 179

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 24, 2023 10:00:34 am

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2023 10:00:34 am

Q1. Name:	Tracy Kent
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	No
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	No preference
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	No preference
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	No preference
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area No preference

Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website No preference

Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option: No preference

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Please don't swap the beaches for Island Bay. The current set up is safer for children and that's more important than anything. A lot of children won't swim with dogs around to potentially knock them over. The other beach is smaller, not as safe and rocky. Please don't do this.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors. Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 401

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 13:49:20 pm

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 13:49:20 pm

Q1. **Name:** Ran Gilboa

Q2. **Suburb:**

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:**

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Very important

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar No preference

Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas Very important

Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) Very important

Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry Very important

Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users Very important

Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints Very important

Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste Very important

Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads No preference

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Strongly support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I strongly support the proposed changes. Another are that is currently overlooked is dog-friendly businesses. I love taking my dog with me to my favourite cafe, pub or Sunday brunch. More and more hospo businesses around CBD welcome dogs, but with no clear guidelines around this issue it's up to each business to determine if they welcome dogs or not. For example, there's no dog etiquette and some businesses let dogs run around off-leash, which can be quite annoying. My dog is very well behaved but I'd never consider letting her run loose in a restaurant.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	<div></div>
Q25. Contact number:	<div></div>
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 441

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 15:42:21 pm

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 15:42:21 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Susan Scott
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | No preference |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | Very important |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | No preference |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Very important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly support

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Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
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Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

It is estimated that 80% of dogs go through periods when they are reactive. I have seen too many dog fights in Wellington and I feel that there needs to be some areas where dogs can play alone. This is also relevant if a dog who has an injury or is in training. It would also help greyhounds and lurchers who tend to struggle with recall. Reactivity gets passed forward and dogs who get attacked can become fearful very quickly. There is only one reactive dog park in Wellington that I know of and that is in Plimmerton. It would also be a good place for flyers and information on how to socialise reactive dogs safely. I feel the area just before the Mount Vic tunnel as you come from Hataitai would be perfect for this if it was fenced and divided into lanes. It is currently not used.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 517

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 22:30:41 pm

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 22:30:41 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Rhys Phillips
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Q9. **During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:**
- Q10. **Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?**
- Q11. **How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support
- Q12. **How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:**
- Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months Strongly do not support
- Q13. **How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?**
- Q14. **How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:**

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

There are so many issues with the proposal to swap the public and dog walking areas at Island Bay Beach that it's impossible to comprehend how it got to this point. In summary: 1. The survey question will create a statistical bias as it mentions minimising the impact of dogs on dune restoration. Many people filling out the survey, who have a dog but no interest in Island Bay in particular, will click support just because of the way the questions written. 2. The proposal for on and off leash periods and limiting off-leash times on the western part of the beach is confusing and is likely to result in conflict. 3. What about the children who are scared of dogs? I had two ... do these families have to avoid the eastern portion of the beach during off leash times? 4. Dogs are not allowed in the dunes. If dogs are damaging the dunes it's the dog owners responsibility to better manage their dogs and Councils to protect the dunes by monitoring, enforcement and if necessary installing appropriate fencing. 5. Any damage the dogs do to the dunes will pale in comparison to that achieved by a strong southerly and a storm surge. 6. Any damage the dogs do to the dunes will pale in comparison to that done by children forced to play at this end of the beach. 7. Council notes that the western end/existing dog walking end of the beach is narrower, and implies that this may be contributing to the dune being damaged by dogs particularly at high tide. The same logic applies to people using the beach, with limited space kids will natural gravitate to the dunes as a place to play, especially at high tide. 8. The western end/existing dog walking end of the beach is rockier and therefore harder for kids to play on. If they want to dig in the sand they will have to do so adjacent to the dunes which Council is supposedly trying to protect. Will this not have the opposite effects? 9. The western end/existing dog walking end of the beach has rougher water and a faster current. As a result, it is far less suitable for swimming, particularly for younger less confident swimmers. Are Council and the dune restoration group willing to place swimmers at greater risk? 10. The western end/existing dog walking end of the beach is less accessible, especially to people with disabilities, as it has a limited number of steeper access points available. 11. The northern and eastern/public parts of the beach are closer to the available public facilities, including the parking, changing sheds, toilets etc necessary for a day at the beach. 12. The northern and eastern/public parts of the beach are linked to the adjacent public facilities, such as the Bait House, changing sheds, shoreland park. These spaces function a cohesive whole especially for families with you children. The proposal would fragment these spaces. 13. The sea wall provides shade for beachgoers during the heat of the day in summer. No such shelter exists on the western end/existing dog walking end of the beach. 14. The consultation policy talks about keeping dogs safe by providing barriers between walking areas and the road. The existing public part of Island Bay Beach is closer to the road and therefore more likely to put dogs at risk. Where the exiting dog walking area is separated from the road by the dune and the topography. As a result, is safer for its four legged users safer. 15. The available consultation seems to be focused on dog owners which will result in a bias survey result. If it were not got a Facebook post we would not have known about this important issue. Consultation regarding such an important matter should be more widely distributed. Not just to people who have dogs or sign up to receive Council emails but to all Island Bay residents. Look want happened with the Island Bay Cycleway ... this is heading the same way, you need to get this right Council. 16. Does would be a danger to the ouster catches and other birds use the eastern part of the beach. 17. Why don't you fence the Reef St dog area. No one uses it as its close to the roads and therefore risks off leash dogs being run over. If it was fenced it dog owners would have a safe place for their dogs which is away from the dunes and the public part eastern part of the beach used by the community. In summary. The survey question is basis, and the consultation has not been at the appropriate level given the potential adverse effects upon the community. There are a significant number of reasons (as noted above) why this proposal would have a significant adverse effect upon the residents of Island Bay and other users of Island Bay Beach (whether they own a dog or not). Given the clear, obvious and significant issues with this proposal its hard to comprehend how is saw the light of day. The status quo should be maintained.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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not answered

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No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 609

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 26, 2023 21:24:26 pm

Last Seen: Sep 26, 2023 21:24:26 pm

Q1. **Name:** Marg Hawthorne

Q2. **Suburb:**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:**

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Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Very important

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar No preference

Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas Very important

Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) Very important

Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry Very important

Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users Very important

Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints No preference

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Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

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Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Strongly do not support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly do not support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Oroside dg waste bins on walking tracks such as Mountain and Karori road. More unleashed dog areas for responsible dog owners

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so [here](#).

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 742

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 29, 2023 14:27:45 pm

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2023 14:27:45 pm

Q1. Name:	Monica Dunkley
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

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Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Strongly support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

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Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

As a dog owner living in the central city, I can confidently say Wellington is not a dog friendly city. This is clear by the restrictiveness of being able to take my small dog out and about with me. Dogs simply do not feel that welcome in Wellington. I do admit that sadly, a lot of the homeless dog owners around the central city make the case for change much harder. The vast majority of dog owners I come across have well-cared for dogs that they pick up after. I fail to see how implementing fines for owners not carrying waste bags will have any effect on those who already haven't registered their dogs, let alone wearing a collar. Are they going to start fining the beggars I walk past daily down Lambton Quay and Manners Mall for having unregistered and uncollared dogs? The Council/Dog Control already don't do this, so I fail to see them fining them for letting their dogs roam free crapping anywhere they please. This is an acknowledged and known problem in the central city and sadly something I witness everyday, I wish the council would do something about both that and the unregistered and uncollared dog issue. Make the central city a place where sensible dog owners aren't tarred by the same brush! I am very supportive of making Oriental Parade accessible during the warmer months. However, restricting the dogs from accessing the beach between the hours of 10am-7pm is still limiting. I'll still need to commute to Lyall Bay to enjoy the beach with my pup during summer. I can understand the argument against having dogs accessing Oriental beach all year round. The beach in summer does get packed and at times would not be suitable to a bunch of dogs racing about (as dogs do). It would be a better option if the small and quiet area of Oriental beach just past the rotunda is made accessible for dogs during all hours of summer. That end of the beach is barely used, and leaves the rest of the beach free for those that do not want to be around dogs. It was disappointing to see that the additional off-lead areas are only being implemented in Wellington's outer suburbs and not in the Te Aro area. The only proposed area in the Terrace Gardens is a 35min walk away and so laughably small you couldn't even throw a ball in it. Which seems to defeat the purpose of making it an off-lead 'exercise' area. While it is nice to see the council finally acknowledging the city could do better for dogs and their owners, there is still a long way to go to improve the bad reputation a few irresponsible dog owners have imposed on the rest of us. Wellington is far behind the rest of the world in its stance on dogs, but at least we have some traction now.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 01, 2023 20:13:45 pm

Last Seen: Oct 01, 2023 20:13:45 pm

Q1. Name:	Toni Ruawai
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Very important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Strongly support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The off leash area on Rushine should be fenced. And it would be good to have designated areas for different dogs. It would be a good area to have a focused off leash area. Cog park gets so muddy and it's not safe to have small and larger dogs together, we have had several incidents due to people who can not manage their dogs.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email: [REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] included in any
information about submissions that WCC may
publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal
information.



Respondent No: 58

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 02, 2023 19:54:25 pm

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2023 19:54:25 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Robyn Lonergan
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | No preference |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction
of a new fenced play area
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve No preference
with the existing children's play area and designate an
additional dog exercise area on the reserve

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria Support
from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria
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Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to Support
"Accredited Dog Owner" Licence

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option: Support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I am dismayed that Oriental Bay is proposed for dogs during the summer months . From May to October the dogs have the run of the Beach and I see no families there as dogs are running wild. I have put up with that for the winter but find it distressing that dogs will be on the Beach till 10 am . Dogs run wild and the owners do nothing and I have had to ask many to pick up the dog waste. I am wondering why dogs are more important than people that they should have the run of the best beach in the city. Pick live close by and none of my friends can go on the beach during winter and then to have to wait till 10am is ridiculous . Please have some sense for the people , not the dogs. Dog owners need to pay more rates if they get the best beach in Wellington . Thank you

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	<div></div>
Q25. Contact number:	<div></div>
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 94

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 03, 2023 20:09:46 pm

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2023 20:09:46 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Mary Wootton
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED], Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | Important |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | No preference |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | No preference |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | No preference |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Not important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Not important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | No preference |
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- Choose one of the following: No preference

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Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
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Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

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Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria No preference
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option: Support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Yes. If dogs are to be allowed on Oriental Bay during the proposed hours they need to be on a leash. Maybe the time could be 8pm-8am allowed on the beach on the condition the beach is cleaned nightly as even if poo is gone the urine will not be. Too many children play on the beach early in the morning and night time- in the sand and put the sand in their mouths. So I disagree with this . I am also dismayed that there was only one notice about this rule and it was on Freyburg Beach NOT Oriental Bay- both sides of the Rotunda- maybe dogs could be allowed between 8pm-8am on the far side of the band rotunda closest to the lighthouse. I was also surprised to see at Anderson park a sign that allowed dogs on the park if not in use for sports- BUT they had to be on a leash? A place where no people??? Very confusing but a crowded beach? No leash. So can we expect uncontrolled dogs around children who may not be used to them- and we all know everyone says my dog doesn't bite- but then a toddler pokes it in the eye, gone is relaxing on the beach. So on so many levels I do not support this for our local beach. By the way many people drive here with their dogs- they could drive elsewhere- and if they want a swim go by the lighthouse or further around the bays.

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Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 504

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 20:31:01 pm

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 20:31:01 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Rachel Howe
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** not answered
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | No preference |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | No preference |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Very important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Very important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Very important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Do not support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area No preference

Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website Support

Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option: Support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Regarding island bay and its beach dunes, I have observed more erosion happening to the dunes with wave action than dogs running amongst the dunes. For 7 months, I have been visiting the beach daily and have observed a small number of dog owners having to go onto the dunes to retrieve their dog. I have seen more beach visitors having to scale the dunes to avoid being swept up by waves. I conclude by declaring that erosion isn't happening due to dog activity but more wave erosion during frequent storms.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 204

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 08, 2023 13:29:08 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2023 13:29:08 pm

Q1. Name:	Matthew Plummer
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important at all
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Not important at all
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Not important at all
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Not important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Not important at all
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Not important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

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Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly do not support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction
of a new fenced play area
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve No preference
with the existing children's play area and designate an
additional dog exercise area on the reserve

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria No preference
from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria
accessible on the website
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to No preference
"Accredited Dog Owner" Licence

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option: Do not support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

If your dog is under control there should be far more acceptance of walking it off-leash. In the real world (aka Wellington) most dogs are walked off-leash without any problems. I was in London over the winter – go to the open areas there and the dogs are all off-leash. WCC's restrictions are very dog unfriendly. A happy, safe dog is one that is well socialised and has had lots of exercise. So the rule should be if you are in an open area and your dog is under control then it should be allowed to be off-leash.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	<div></div>
Q25. Contact number:	<div></div>
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 92

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 03, 2023 20:40:25 pm

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2023 20:40:25 pm

Q1. Name:	Ellen Blake
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	No
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Not important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Not important at all
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	No preference
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	No preference
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Do not support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Do not support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly do not support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Do not support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place	No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Do not support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The pre-engagement had 95% response from dog owners unsurprisingly since that was the focus of the surveys. Asking non-dog owners what they want to see is totally lacking in these changes. Only 1 in 16 people own a dog and many people own more than one meaning even fewer households contain a dog. 1 Support the good work of dog rangers in their struggles with dog owners and poorly controlled pets. This is a thankless task and adequate compliance and enforcement staff is needed with appropriate funding. Policies mean nothing without compliance. 2 Would like to see all Wellington dog exercise areas moved towards being fenced. There are too many issues with poorly controlled dogs including biting and rushing at other people and dogs. Particularly would like to see the popular area of Mt Victoria park off Moeller Street (part of Charles Plimmer) returned to people (this is the area where most photos of Wellington are taken from and is a very familiar viewpoint). A fenced area could replace this nearby to the north of Palliser Road on the downslope above Bayview Cres -

this is very easily accessible by car (a popular way for dog owners to arrive on Mt Vic), and already has some seats. Ellice St quarry should have a small fenced off area too. The central city is seriously lacking dog toileting spaces so dogs wee/poo in the little gardens in Cuba Mall and other unsuitable places. Provide some small pocket parks for dog toilets away from people places like St Peter's and other social places. These can be paid for from dog and pet fees. There are many places more suitable for dog exercise and toileting than main areas in our parks or on our beaches. 3 The ecosystem impacts of pet dog and other pet ownership have not been considered. Many volunteer-run projects around Wellington are striving to enhance native ecosystems and require pet-free spaces to ensure their success. This huge increase in dog numbers (and unknown cat numbers) significantly impact these initiatives. Consideration of a maximum number of pet animals for Wellington should be part of the policy, together with a move to fence all off leash dog areas. I understand Waimapihi/ Polhill have done some good work getting dog owners to manage their dogs on-leash in that area to protect the ecosystem as a good model for other places. 4 Would like to see dog exercise areas moved to more suitable locations, the large green grassy areas in our parks and our beaches should be dedicated to people and be dog-free, some of the best most accessible green space in our parks and beaches has been taken for dog owners and use. We have a growing population who should be able to find safe places to be near to where they live. The childrens play area at Freyberg beach should be a dog prohibited area - currently it is not. I do not support extending dog use of Oriental or Freyberg beach for any summer hours, this is a the most popular, heavily used beach that people want to access at all times during summer. There are already too many people and no room for dogs. Appleton Park used to have play equipment for children since removed. A small section of fenced area might be suitable for dogs but should be separate from the footpath or proposed 'shared path' area. Red Beech Road childrens play area should be a prohibited area if the proposed dog exercise track proceeds. Parents should not have to contend with dogs in a childrens park. Mitchell St proposed off-leash area should be fenced. Spicer Forest needs to have clearly marked no dog tracks as well as the proposed dog walk track. The Mark Ave off-leash area should be fenced and separate from the people recreation area. Terrace Gardens is a special inner city park area that is well used by pedestrians and lunchtime visitors. It is not suitable as an off-leash area. Mt Albert proposals include just about all the walking tracks. Walking tracks in general should be on-lead and most of these popular routes should not be taken for dog exercise areas. Boscobel Lane is the access road for Takapu railway station and has limited parking for train users and those using the small childrens park alongside Porirua stream. This stream has tuna and other fauna. Surely there are other places nearby that can be used for dogs such on the other side of Takapu Road nearer the Countdown. Te Ara Paparangi has only recently opened as a new walkway from Waihinahina reserve which is a large off-leash dog area. Please keep the walkway on-leash. Support making an area of Flinders Park for children and fencing the dog off-leash area from the park. Support changes on Ruahine St, this is a good location for dog exercise area as due to the busy road it is not suitable for much else. Support the change at Island Bay provided the prohibited area is extended towards Reef St so children from Shorland Park can easily access the beach safely. Good signage on the beach is essential to make these areas work. Oriental Bay prohibition will mean there is no where for dog owners to toilet their dogs in summer - suggest that the area west of the toilets and changing rooms and wishing well is available for on lead dogs. A special dog poo bin could be provided to cut down on the smell Support the Waimapihi reserve proposal for on-leash only. This is the easily accessible part of the park that should be mostly for humans. Suggest an additional new fenced area for off leash dogs on the north or downhill side of Palliser Road at St. This has good access, seats and not very useful for humans but could provide a great spot for dogs to stretch their legs. More places like this need to be found for dogs so that the grassy park areas are for humans. 5 Signage of dog exercise areas is poor with the on-lead areas poorly marked. An improvement is required with signage review from park users being a useful check on adequacy. 6 Dog owner licensing should be tied to dog behaviour with an option for tighter controls on those shown not to be able to control their pets adequately. A dog owner training module would be useful to assist owners, paid for from dog license fees. 7 If dogs are now to be permitted on public transport and into more public places and cafes then there needs to be at least options available for people to be able to take public transport, use public places and cafes where pet dogs are not permitted and for people to be able to easily find this information. 15 out of every 16 people do not have a pet dog.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 312

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 12, 2023 10:57:47 am

Last Seen: Oct 12, 2023 10:57:47 am

Q1. **Name:** Simon Marsh

Q2. **Suburb:** not answered

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	No preference
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	No preference
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

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Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Support
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Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

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Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Do not support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Poo bags should still be available at dog parks despite requiring owners to carry dog poo bags. Oriental bay summer hours should be before 9 and after 8pm. Scorching bay should be an off lead area during winter

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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not answered

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Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 440

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 16, 2023 12:44:08 pm

Last Seen: Oct 16, 2023 12:44:08 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Peter Walls
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | No preference |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | No preference |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | No preference |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | No preference |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Important |
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- Choose one of the following: Support
- Q9. **During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:**

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

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Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website

No preference

Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence

Do not support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:

No preference

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The policy should focus on the needs of (responsible) dog owners as well as the welfare of the dogs themselves. Many dog owners enjoy swimming at Wellington beaches, but our options are severely limited unless we leave our dog at home. The beaches available to dog owners during the summer months are either not swimming beaches at all (Kio Bay Beach, Weka Bay Beach) or are life-threateningly cold (Island Bay Beach). The move to increase access at Oriental Bay is a positive step. A long beach like Seatoun could easily have a dog-friendly area through the summer months.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 408

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 01, 2023 12:37:55 pm

Last Seen: Oct 01, 2023 12:37:55 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Noeline Holt Yes desexing should be mandatory.
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a cat owner or does someone in your household own a cat?** Yes
- Q7. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to reduce stray cats in the city?**
Choose one of the following: Support
- Q8. **How do you feel about the proposed bylaw requirement that all domestic cats over six months must be desexed (with exceptions for cats owned by registered breeders or if the procedure would pose unnecessary risk to the cat)?**
Choose one of the following: Strongly support
- Q9. **Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed cat-related changes as part of this review?**
Affordability of desexing Responsibility of non registered breeders accidentally or deliberately having litters and resulting in possible dumping, neglect and abuse.
- Q10. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.** Yes
- Q11. **Email:** [REDACTED]
- Q12. **Contact number:** [REDACTED]
- Q13. **If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.** not answered
- Q14. **Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?** Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 307

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 25, 2023 11:35:43 am

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2023 11:35:43 am

- Q1. **Name:** Philippa Yasbek
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
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Cats should also be microchipped. Cats should not be allowed to wander around outside. They should all be kept inside people's houses or caged enclosures. They do enormous damage to our environment.
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- Q11. **Email:** [REDACTED]
- Q12. **Contact number:** [REDACTED]
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Respondent No: 622

Login: Admin

Responded At: Oct 20, 2023 12:24:15 pm

Last Seen: Oct 23, 2023 21:10:57 pm

Q1. Name:	Carol West
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	on behalf of an organisation
Q4. Organisation:	Ōtari- Wilton's Bush Trust Boa
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	not answered
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	No
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
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Q25. Contact number:

Requested by email

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Carol West
Chair
Ōtari- Wilton's Bush Trust Board



Respondent No: 607

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 16:59:04 pm

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 16:59:04 pm

Q1. Name:	Lisa Snow
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

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Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

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Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: No preference

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Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Do not support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Support
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction
of a new fenced play area
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve Support
with the existing children's play area and designate an
additional dog exercise area on the reserve

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

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Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

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Choose one option: No preference

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Etiquette boards and other signage, particularly at off leash areas, should educate people that female dogs on heat are not allowed in the area. This is a by law a lot of owners of undesexed female dogs don't know about. Also, I've submitted in the past and the Council ignore everything suggested and just do what they wanted to in the first place. This will probably be the case here, but a more transparent feedback saying why would be good. EG last time I submitted about the Liardet dog off leash area that was proposed to be stopped as it was 'replaced' by the Finnimore Tce area. But this area is a rough gravel path 350m long until you get to the grasses area making it inaccessible for people or dogs with disabilities. There were 6 submissions to save the area, none to get rid of it, yet it was in the final document to be removed as a dog park. Iona Pannet stepped in and it was saved (but still listed in your draft document as being replaced by Finnimore). Explaining decisions like this would be good to make the council accountable for the time people waste making submissions when they are ignored

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	<div></div>
Q25. Contact number:	<div></div>
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.

Submission on proposed changes to Island Bay Dog Beach

This submission is on behalf of the Island Bay Dog Beach users group. Our group represents more than 50 dog owners, mainly from Island Bay and the immediate suburbs of Owhiro Bay, Berhampore etc.

100% of the responses received by this group wanted the location of the dog beach to remain where it is and with no restriction on hours.

It should be noted that some people in the group feel access to the beach is something that was 'fought for' for many years. It was only granted in the last WCC review of dog off leash areas and it would be unfair to lose this access.

It often seems as if the Council view providing dog friendly areas as providing areas for dogs. This is not the case. The areas are provided so that **people** can use the area, with their dog. Mountain bike tracks are provided for **people** who want to ride their bikes, not for the bikes. Sports fields are provided for **people** who want to kick a ball around, not the balls. Dog walkers are just another recreational group of open space users and should have recreation areas provided for them.

In Island Bay, the only other off leash area is the tiny bit of waste ground opposite the surf club. Other off leash areas are at Mt Albert, Tawatawa reserve, Houghton Bay and McAllister Park in Berhampore. All a car ride or long walks away from Island Bay. If WCC want to encourage people to use their cars less, then having a local off leash area where dogs can run around is important.

Protection of the Dunes

Members of the group have undertaken some research and feel that dogs are being unfairly blamed for erosion of that dunes that is created by higher tides, rough weather and global warming.

Many people in the group have never seen dogs in the dunes. It was noted that better education or fencing the dunes off would be a solution to this.

Currently there are some posts where in the past there have been rope 'barriers'. There are a few A4 sized signs on these posts which are difficult to see from a distance. Better signage to explain why it is important that dogs AND PEOPLE stay out of the dunes could help prevent this damage. It should not be underestimated that if the location of the dog beach is switched, it is highly likely kids will want to play in and slide down the dunes, likely causing more damage than the dogs.

By restricting dog walkers use of Island Bay beach, they would likely end up using Lyall Bay beach putting stress on the dunes on that beach with the additional dogs that would go there.

Location of the dog beach

Many of the users of the beach who responded pointed out that the eastern end of the beach is the 'nicer' end. It has the swimming pontoon located in front of it and has the sea wall as shelter from wind. When dogs were completely banned from the beach, this was always the busier end of the beach. It makes sense that this should be the people only area.

Group members with small children noted that the existing 'people only' end of the beach is where they prefer to take their children. They don't want them putting their towels down to sit, or digging in the sand and making sandcastles etc, where a few hours earlier a dog may have pooped and peed, even if the poo has been picked up.

It is likely that if dogs were moved to this eastern end of the beach, conflict between beach users and dog walkers could arise as this area is smaller.

There were also concerns about the birds that inhabit the rocky area near the Surf Club being disturbed.

Restriction on times of day the beach can be used by dog owners

This is the part of the proposal that is of most concern to the members of this group.

The beauty of the current access dog owners have to use the Southern end of the beach is that they can go and spend an extended amount of time enjoying the beach with their dog. They can go for a swim with their dog and socialise with friends at the beach without having to leave their dog at home. Restricting the hours people can be at the beach with their dog prevents this as for much of the summer, swimming before 10am and after 7pm is colder and not pleasant.

This prevents families taking their children to the beach for the day or afterschool with the family dog, a traditional kiwi thing to do in the summer.

Since the beach has been open to dogs, people have come to Island Bay beach because it is dog friendly from further afield, eg Lower Hutt.

Restricting the hours is not inclusive as it assumes everyone works 9 to 5 and can go to the beach before 10am or after 7pm. However, for people who work outside of the usual office hours, this may prevent them from using the beach with their dog at all during the summer months.

There is also concern that if dogs are restricted from this beach, dog owners will use other beaches that appear to have less people on them. This is of concern for Ōwhiro Bay residents as this beach area is a breeding ground for penguins. As the parts of this beach where the penguins mainly inhabit are away from the main road (and therefore, Animal Control are unlikely to just be driving by to see them) there is concern that displaced dog walkers will take their dogs there.

It will also force dog walkers to use Lyall Bay beach dog area more. This is already a very busy beach for dog walkers who use it and increasing the numbers there will likely lead to incidents between dogs (or owners) due to overcrowding. There are also sand dunes at this beach that may be negatively affected by the increased number of dogs being walked there.

There was also concern that the change of hours would exclude horse riders from using the beach to exercise their horses and ponies.

We would like to make an oral submission.

Submitted on behalf of the Island Bay Dog Beach users group by

Lisa Snow





Respondent No: 791

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 30, 2023 17:47:37 pm

Last Seen: Sep 30, 2023 17:47:37 pm

Q1. Name:	Purnima Young
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	No
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Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly do not support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I strongly oppose the proposal to move the unleashed dog park at Willowbank reserve, as it will create a number of risks to people and animals. I write this as a Tawa resident of 36 years, commuter at Takapu station and frequent user of the area.

1. The new location of the playground puts children at risk - The proposed new playground would be in close proximity to the road and busy cycling thoroughfare. To mitigate this would require significant safety barriers being installed.
2. The new location for the unleashed dog area has increased hazards for dogs - The unleashed dog park connects to both the train tracks and motorway. Current safety precautions are sufficient to prevent children venturing into these areas. But changes will need to be made to make the unleashed dog area safe for dogs.
3. Takapu station is a busy station and there has been an increased number of people cycling to the train station as it connects with the main cycling track through Tawa. The proposed unleashed dog area is located on the main cycle path and the presence of unleashed dogs poses a risk for cyclists. Additionally many pedestrians take the same path to Takapu station and it is the only wheelchair accessible entrance to the station. The presence of unleashed dogs also poses a risk for pedestrians (especially the elderly and disabled community who need to use this access). Significant barriers would need to be installed to mitigate this risk including a potential alternate accessibility access to the station.
4. There is currently a large residence of native longfin eels - tuna (a protected species) which reside in the area of the proposed new unleashed dog area (we regularly see a group of around 30 tuna). These protected tuna are now at risk of being attacked or displaced due to the increased presence of unleashed dogs in their habitat. Barriers to the stream would need to be installed to protect them.
5. The area proposed for the unleashed dog park is an area frequently used by the community for large community events. Over the years many schools and community group have held events there including community yoga. The location is ideal for families and making the area an unleashed dog park would make it more difficult for these community events to occur as there is not a suitable alternative in Tawa. Finally the current consultation process has been insufficient. It has not consulted affected groups. I.e playground users, pedestrians and cyclists accessing takapu road train station and the Tawa community who uses the reserve. As it stands the proposal is only included within animal regulation policy (which was emailed to all dog owners) this massively skews the results of the submissions toward animal owners who will benefit from the positive implications. Rather than an accurate representation of those using the area on a regular basis who will be impacted by the additional risks it poses. I would expect to see broader consultation with the Tawa community before any proposal for Willowbank reserve is finalized.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 176

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 06, 2023 20:25:43 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2023 20:25:43 pm

Q1. **Name:** Fiona Drummond

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels Not important at all

Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar Not important

Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas No preference

Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) No preference

Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry Important

Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users Important

Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste Very important

Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads Important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q9. **During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:**

Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks) Strongly do not support

Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area) Strongly do not support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area Do not support

Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months No preference

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Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

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Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Support

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Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly do not support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly do not support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:

No preference

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Please explain how you would intend to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington? When I am out walking my dog I often find bags of dog poo thrown into the bushes or on occasion flung up in trees or simply not picked up at all. What department of the Council do you see as carrying out this enforcement? The council has a focus on reducing the number of cats in the area but has a completely different attitude towards dogs. Perhaps focus needs to be given to reducing the number of dogs that can be kept by each household.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

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Comments

As a resident of Tawa for many years, a dog owner and regular user of the Willowbank Reserve area under review by the Wellington City Council I wish to express my strong disagreement with the proposal put forward for review.

Below are comments on various aspects of proposal 6 concerning changes at Willowbank Reserve, Tawa.

The proposal does not look at the cost of implementing the proposed changes of dismantling of the existing play equipment and the building/installing of new playground equipment. Nor is there any reference to the removal of the tall trees within the proposed new area as I believe it would be unsafe for them to be left in place within the play area. Also it does not account for fencing to ensure the safety of children from the road, culvert and the banks of the Porirua Stream. As a rate payer I see this expenditure as a frivolous waste of money in an effort to appease a small number of dog owners when the Wellington City Council is already in serious financial difficulty.

In your proposal 6 the claim is made that “We recognise the significant role outdoor play spaces offer in the lives of children and young people” yet this proposal reduces the space children and young people have to exercise and play safely in favour of dogs and their owners.

The current play area offers a much larger space, a flat grassed area for games, a safe access to the Porirua Stream while providing sheltered seating and space for parents/adults to supervise and engage with their children. The existing picnic tables under the canopies within the proposed off leash area are used a great deal during the summer months and for shelter in the winter months while relaxing and enjoying the natural environment. This area is used by schools, Church and various other community groups as a safe place for larger groups to come together for their activities. The proposed new area does not offer an adequate safe space for these activities. This area is also used by people walking to and from the Takapu Railway Station, Countdown Supermarket and the southern end of Taylor Terrace. How safe are people likely feel if surprised by a rushing or jumping dog as they are walking through this area while going about their business? It appears to me that the Council in this proposal is prioritising dogs and their owners over the stated recognition of the role of outdoor play spaces for our children’s wellbeing.

In the proposal it is stated that “The goal is to establish a play area that offers enhanced visibility and safety from the road and nearby houses” by moving the existing play area to the proposed new area. The nearby houses spoken of do not

overlook this but rather look directly into the Bucket Tree Motel on the opposite of Boscobel Lane. A grassed triangle of land with no homes on it overlooks the area claimed to provide enhanced visibility and safety. Further besides the proposed area, is the public car park with access to the motel and for large council vehicles – Tractors and lawnmowers access to the reserve with unrestrained access from the play area into the path of reversing vehicles. There is insufficient fencing to restrain children from running onto the road or gaining access to the culvert at the Outlet City end of this area which would be about a 1 metre drop into flowing water. This applies equally to the Porirua Stream at the foot of the slope which in places is greater than a metre drop into the stream. Along with this there is no safe or adequate access to the stream for children to play in the stream. This demonstrates the lack of thought that has gone into creating this proposal.

The current off leash dog areas within Willowbank Reserve provides sufficient exercise area for dogs and owners and as a dog owner myself who uses this area on a regular basis I have not found it to be overcrowded with dogs or owners which implies that is more than sufficient for the needs of the Tawa dog community. There is within 5-10 minutes walking time from the Willowbank Reserve the Taylor Dog Park which offers an off leash dog exercise space where owners and dogs can met socially and allow their dogs to run free in a safe space. I believe there is no need to extend the off leash area within Willowbank Reserve.

Over the last 5 years the Willowbank Reserve Care Group in association with Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves and other community groups have been working to improve the indigenous biodiversity within the reserve by removing noxious and invasive weeds and planting with suitable native plants and trees to enhance the natural environment, improving riparian planting and enhancing the existing natural beauty of the reserve. A large proportion of this work has been carried out with the support of the Wellington City Council Parks and Reserve department within the area of the proposed new off leash dog area. It would be a great disappointment to see this work undone by dogs running free through developing new growth and young plants paid for by the Wellington Rate Payers.

Fiona and Alan Drummond





Respondent No: 119

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 04, 2023 17:51:46 pm

Last Seen: Oct 04, 2023 17:51:46 pm

Q1. **Name:** Leo Lonergan

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
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Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
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Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important

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Choose one of the following: Support

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Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

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Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

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Support

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Support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

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Choose one option: No preference

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Oriental Bay Beach is used by children before 10am and after 7pm for family time, swimming, picnics etc. In addition these times are when the sun is least likely to cause skin damage. Dogs should not be allowed on the Oriental Bay beach during the summer months.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
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Respondent No: 368
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 14, 2023 13:10:30 pm
Last Seen: Oct 14, 2023 13:10:30 pm

Q1. **Name:** ANNE TUFFIN

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

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Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
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Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

I support the right of people to have dogs in the city. However, as with all rights, dog owners have responsibilities. There are two responsibilities that I'm most concerned about: 1. For dog owners to take dog poop away and to dispose of it responsibly (i.e. not throw the plastic bag into the bush or alongside the path). All Council reserves should have a doggie-doo bin at every entrance. 2. For dog owners to protect kaka fledglings, low-feeding kereru, and kiwi from dog predation. I strongly urge Council to make all parks and reserves that are home to kaka, kereru and or kiwi to be designated on-leash at all times. That would require Council to create safe, fenced and well-signed and advertised off-leash dog exercise areas for dog owners to be able to walk their dogs. I would also suggest Council offer kiwi aversive training to help minimise the risk to kiwi. Finally, I volunteer in Trelissick Park, and am confused by the mention of "Kaiwharawhara Park" (Q.11). If that means Trelissick Park, I strongly support changing the status of the park from off-leash everywhere (except from the Oban St Entrance to the Stream) to on-leash everywhere, at all times. We need to protect native birds from dog predation in Trelissick Park. Kiwi have been heard up on the Northern Walkway above Ngaio, so it is only a matter of time before they find their way into Trelissick Park. There have also been recent reports of dogs killing kaka fledglings and low-feeding kereru. Both species have arrived in the park from Zealandia and are now nesting in the park. Trelissick Park is a very popular destination for dog owners from all over Wider Wellington for their dogs to run freely and to play in the stream. Dogs also contribute to serious erosion of the Kaiwharawhara Stream banks. When dogs enter the stream, they (and their owners) create entrances on the banks, weakening the banks and causing much more serious erosion whenever there is a major rain event. They also trample and destroy precious riparian planting that Trelissick Park volunteers have so carefully planted and nurtured. Because Trelissick Park is such a popular dog-walking area, I would support it being designated a Destination. I also propose the development of fenced dog exercise areas within the park at Wightwick's Field and around the historic magazine ruins. Signage would make it clear that the park is a fragile environment (for native birds, plants and the stream banks), that dogs are welcome if on-leash or in the fenced dog-exercise areas. This is not a submission from the Trelissick Park Group. Frances Lee, who established the group 30 years ago, was a great advocate for dog owners to use the park freely, so the Group is silent on this issue in respect for Frances. However, there are many Trelissick Park Group members who would welcome a change to on-leash at all times. Summary I support: 1. Doggie-doo bins at the entrances to all Council reserves. 2. Making all Council parks and reserves with nesting kaka, kereru and or kiwi, on-leash at all times. 3. Council offering kiwi aversive training 4. Designating Trelissick Park (Kaiwharawhara Park??) a "Destination". 5. Changing the status of Trelissick Park from off-leash to on-leash at all times. 6. Developing two fenced dog exercise areas within Trelissick Park, at Wightwick's Field and at the historic magazine. Thank you for considering my submission. I'm happy to meet to discuss further. Anne Tuffin [REDACTED]

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email: [REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number: [REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 592

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 16:02:31 pm

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 16:02:31 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Jan Voss
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED], Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Important |
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| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
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| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Very important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place	No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Strongly support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The off-lead dog exercise area at Hāitaitai Park - Ruahine St is only under utilised because of the lack of fencing on the SH1 edge. Off lead area need not be, and in fact are often better if not fully fenced. But common sense and safety does mean deterrent fencing along busy roads should be pursued. If the Council truly wants to promote the education of Responsible Dog Owners then more financial support of the organisations, especially non-profit ones that run courses would enable them to reach more people. The inclusion of off-leash walking areas, that travel along a route, rather than just for running around is a sound and supported concept. More of these are needed in Wellington as adequate exercise for many dogs is not fulfilled by an on lead only walk, or a charge about in a small zone. Where the areas are not wildlife sensitive then provision of off lead walking trails are to be applauded.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 436
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 22, 2023 13:30:49 pm
Last Seen: Sep 22, 2023 13:30:49 pm

Q1. Name:	Peter Ng
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Very important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
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Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
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Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

when enforcing dog waste in public areas especially dog walking areas put bins and dogs waste bags. This way owners have no excuse to not picking up their dog waste. Also Council needs to empty the bins I have seen multiple times where the bin is too full to put anymore waste bags.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	No
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Q24. Email:	not answered
Q25. Contact number:	not answered
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.

For the big dog parks you can reuse the childrens playground equipment that is being upgraded ie tunnels and bridges. These equipment will be great for dogs to use. For large walking areas it will be nice to have a toilet facility around. As families with kids will use them as they are currently using the bushes.



Respondent No: 244

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 09, 2023 20:21:12 pm

Last Seen: Oct 09, 2023 20:21:12 pm

Q1. Name:	Barbara Fill
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Organisation:	not answered
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	No
Q7. Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:	
Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	No preference
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Not important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	No preference
Q8. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?	
Choose one of the following:	Do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly do not support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Do not support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly do not support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly do not support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly do not support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

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Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	No preference
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

While not currently a dog owner I have family and friends with dogs. I have seen a noticeable increase in the number of dogs around my neighborhood in Island Bay and in Wellington generally. This has had a significant impact on the local environment with increase in dog waste and damage to local coastal habitats and damage to young plants in reserves as well as native fauna. Coastal environments are particularly vulnerable to damage from wandering dogs who do not read signs like most of their owners. Dog owners do not take cognisance of the tides when taking their dogs to the beach so when there is no beach sand to walk on they walk along the dunes. The pingao and spinifex trailers are damaged by people walking on them and dogs digging them out. They cannot survive. Replanting the dunes is pointless as dogs dig them out. The dunes are also convenient toilets for dogs and as the waste is out of sight is not collected or is used by owners to dispose of their dog bags. The dunes provide an important ecological habitat as well as natural protection of the road. The last 3 years have seen intense weather patterns that have damaged the dune it needs all the help it can to recover and maintain itself. The introduction of off leash on the Island Bay dunes has seen a loss of the families of oyster catchers tōrea that lived on Island Bay beach as have most of the skinks. From a personal safety perspective my husband and I have been frequently nipped at by dogs on the beach so no longer walk along it if dogs are around.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 597

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 16:08:10 pm

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 16:08:10 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Jan Voss
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** on behalf of an organisation
- Q4. **Organisation:** Central Allbreeds Dog Training
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Very important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | Very important |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Very important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Very important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Very important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Very important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Very important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly support
- Q9. **During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:**
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| Appleton Park, Karori | Strongly support |
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Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following:

No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website

Support

Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence

Support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:

Do not support

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:

Support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

not answered

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

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not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 567

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 14:48:52 pm

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 14:48:52 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Gary Beecroft
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED]
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** on behalf of an organisation
- Q4. **Organisation:** Friend of the Tawa Bush Reserv
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Very important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | Very important |
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| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Very important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Very important |
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| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
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- Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly do not support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly do not support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly do not support
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Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

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Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
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Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly do not support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
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Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

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Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Strongly do not support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Please see the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserve written submission sent to [REDACTED]

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves (FOTBR) WCC Dog Bylaw Submission

by

Gary Beecroft, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

And,

John Burnet, Vice President,

Richard Herbert, committee member

Note: The FOTBR would like to make a presentation submission to council

- **FOTBR STRONGLY OPPOSES - NEW OFF-LEASH AREAS IN THE CARIBBEAN DRIVE RESERVE, SPICER FOREST RESERVE, FOREST OF TAWA RESERVE AND WILLOWBANK RESERVE, AND ALL OTHER WCC ECOLOGICAL BUSH CLAD RESERVES.**

For these reasons:

1. Dogs are predators' and kill wild animals, bird, reptiles, and insects, and significantly impact the environment. Scientists say dogs have contributed to the extinction of several bird species, and the endangerment of others (especially Kiwi).
2. A percentage of dog's attack people who walk or cycle in the ecological parks. Even one child being maimed in one too many. Dos should be in fenced areas (refer to WCC dog attack records - Dangerous and menacing dogs' category which has 77 attacks in 2022).
3. A significant number of urban dog owners do not have control of their dogs and do not keep them to restricted areas. Both a lack, and disregard, of compliance.
4. There are a significant number of other areas that are fenced, or could be fenced, for as leash free areas for dogs.
5. WCC has not allocated the resources to police any of the existing area's dogs are not leash free, and dogs run wild in many parks and reserves already causing environmental destruction and defecation, and are regularly a threat to people, and children.
6. Many FOTBR members are dog owners. The FOTBR members are not anti-dogs, they are anti poor and non-compliant dog owners, and vicious predator dogs.

- **BUT STRONGLY SUPPORTS - THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CONTROLLED OFF-LEASH AREAS IN THE TAWA AND WELLINGTON REGION.**

For these reasons:

1. There are a significant number of other areas that are not part of the bush ecology park that are already fenced, that can be leash free areas for dogs.
2. There are significant number other park areas (at least seven in Tawa alone) that are not ecological bush areas that can be fenced as leash free areas for dogs. There are other areas of free open land that are not identified by name that would be excellent for leash free areas, that are NOT ecological reserves(Many are named below).
3. Many FOTBR members are dog owners, they want well developed, safe, fenced, dog recreation areas.

IN MORE DETAIL

1. The FOTBR organisation

- FOTBR is a Tawa based community group with Kaitiakitanga authority (for protection and guardianship of the environment and the restoration of native bush reserves to ensure their long-term preservation) as given by the WCC for all WCC owned reserve lands within the Linden, Tawa, Grenda North and Takapu Valley areas. The FOTBR are working (with WCC Parks and Reserves) towards developing an ecological corridor from Wellington's northern suburbs to Porirua Harbour. This corridor includes all Tawa's current bushed reserves (eleven reserves in total).
- The organisation has about 100 paid up members.

2. Ecological Corridors

- FOTBR, WCC Parks and Reserves staff and the WCC planning departments have all worked to create a safe ecological corridor from the PCC "Recreation Park" area, along the western hills of Tawa, through Grenada and Caribbean Reserve to Belmont Reserve.
- WCC own planning department supports this concept with the "Outer Green Belt Management Plan" (OGBMP), the "Northern Reserves Management Plan", and "Our Natural Capital – Wellington biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan". These plans are not just about plants, the plants are there to create an ecology that allows true biodiversity to occur, including animals, birds, reptiles, and insects. Leash free dogs, as the predators they are, will put all that at risk.
- WCC are partnering with PCC and GWRC to create ecological corridors along streams and connecting parks. This will face significant danger of failure with free running dogs.
- WCC's and "Our Natural Capital – Wellington biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan" states *"In order to establish healthy and resilient indigenous biodiversity within Wellington, we need to focus on certain areas. We need to protect what we have, we need to restore what is degraded, we need to research the requirements of our biodiversity and the best methods for looking after it, and we need to connect people to it"*.
This goal will be significantly put at risk by extending leash free dog areas, (and failing to dog patrol all other ecological areas).

3. Important NOTE

- This submission is about "by laws", but the real issue is actually **about dogs**, "What are they, where do they come from, and what can they do."

- **and people** (who don't or can't train and control their dog(s),
- and **the WCC budget** – where WCC cannot enforce their own council policies due to insufficient allocation of resources.
- And the failure of existing **WCC policies** and procedure to protect and preserve the ecology of native bush reserves.

4. Dogs

References: (There are many more references, but they all say the same thing).

[Are Dogs Considered Predators – A Brief History of Dogs \(breedingbusiness.com\)](https://breedingbusiness.com/are-dogs-considered-predators-a-brief-history-of-dogs/);
[Annual Dog Control Report 2021-2022 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](https://wellington.govt.nz/annual-dog-control-report-2021-2022/);
[Dog threats to conservation in New Zealand - Search \(bing.com\)](https://www.bing.com/search?q=dog+threats+to+conservation+in+New+Zealand);
[Owners get lowdown on dog threat to coastal species in DOC campaign | RNZ News](https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/461111/owners-get-lowdown-on-dog-threat-to-coastal-species-in-doc-campaign);
[Search results \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/search-results/);
[Dog responsible for death of Korora: Media release 1 December 2021 \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/media/2021/12/dog-responsible-for-death-of-korora/);
[Keep your Dog \[keep-4-car-lengths-away-postcard.pdf\]\(https://www.doc.govt.nz/keep-your-dog-keep-4-car-lengths-away-postcard.pdf\) \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/keep-your-dog-keep-4-car-lengths-away-postcard.pdf);
[Coastal Wildlife and your dog - pamphlet \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/coastal-wildlife-and-your-dog-pamphlet/);
[Dogs' becoming major threat' to wildlife - BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wildlife-55844444);
[Thriving Canine | Experience a Better Life with your Dog](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wildlife-55844444);
[Dogs' becoming major threat' to wildlife - BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wildlife-55844444);
[David Reinecker | David Reinecker](https://www.davidreinecker.co.uk/);
[The Biggest Dog Training Mistakes Pet Owners Make \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/training/mistakes-pet-owners-make/);
[9 Reasons To Train Your Dog And Risks Of Not Doing It \(happyfitdog.com\)](https://www.happyfitdog.com/9-reasons-to-train-your-dog-and-risks-of-not-doing-it/);
[Consequences That Can Come From a Poorly Trained Dog - Mummy Matters \(deepinmummy.com\)](https://www.deepinmummy.com/consequences-that-can-come-from-a-poorly-trained-dog/)

- Dogs

- Dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) are serious predators, descended from the Grey Wolf (*Canis lupus*).
- According to the Thriving Canine.
 - domesticated dogs have a predator instinct, it is the dog's nature to hunt and kill [creatures] for food.
 - Domesticated dogs [still] have a high prey drive suited to herding, hunting, and killing.
 - Even though domesticated, a dog is still a predator, and has a desire to hunt.
- According to an [article in BBC News in 2019](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wildlife-55844444), dogs are a predator of wildlife, with over 200 species [in their study] threatened (100 mammals, 22 are reptiles, 78 are birds, and 3 amphibians – of the 200 species, 30 were classed as critically endangered, 71 endangered, and 87 vulnerable).
- Experts say dogs that are allowed to roam freely are the real problems.

5. Many Environmental Impacts

Experts say dogs (if running free – i.e., off a leash) affect wildlife and ecology in five general ways;

- Dogs as predators' kill wild animals, bird, reptiles, and insects, (Scientists say dogs have contributed to the extinction of several bird species).
NOTE: Unmanaged dogs injure and kill many native and critically endangered marine mammals and coastal birds every year in New Zealand, the **Department of Conservation says.**

- Dogs disturb the ecosystem,
- Dogs transmit diseases to wildlife, (and this is a significant problem),
- Dogs compete with wildlife for food,
- And if dogs become feral, they interbreed.

6. Dogs See Children as Prey

According to [David Reinecker](#), dog behaviour expert, a high prey drive is rampant in hunting, herding, and fighting dog breeds, and these dogs can have aggression towards small to medium moving prey, including aggression towards babies and children.

Science Media Centre also expressed the view “that kids must not be left alone with dogs”.

7. Dogs, Owners, and Risks **Training**

• People who do not train their dog

A significant proportion of urban dogs are untrained by their owners:

- Because the owner is incapable of training their dog (due to lack of knowledge or experience, or incorrect training practices),
- or simply cannot be bothered with the effort required to properly train their dog,
- or the owner might not have the time,
- or they think their dog does not like the training.

Whatever the reason, there are a significant number of untrained urban dogs in Wellington. FOTBR members observe them every day in ecological parks where they are supposed to be leashed.

Many dogs owners are already non-compliant, regarding; leashes, and defecation collection.

Consequences from untrained dogs.

- A Dog Without Training becomes uncontrollable and will not obey commands or return to their owner, on or off-leash.
- A Dog Without Training can be aggressive and dangerous to dogs, adults, and particularly children, and especially so if off-leash.
- Examples of these types of dogs are evident at every unleashed dog area in Wellington.
- WCC own dogs' reports show a significant number of dogs attack each year.
- Uncontrollable, off leash dogs will not be able to read the signs that say, stay close to the track, and will run wild through the reserves. (In many cases they do now- due to a failure of the owners, and the WCC dog control department.

8. A Summary of Ecological Risks

Reserves provide essential refuge for wildlife such as ground-nesting birds e.g. karearea (native falcon) and various threatened lizard species and a corridor for rare native birdlife such as kaka and kakariki.

- Kiwi are currently being released by Capital Kiwi in Makara area and shortly the Ohariu valley and they are expected to spread eastwards towards Te Ngahere-o-Tawa (Forest of Tawa) and north to Rangitahi (Colonial Knob) within a few years.
- Dogs off-leash have a natural hunting instinct and owners' commands are often ignored when on the scent of a target animal.
- Off-leash dogs are often out of owner's sight or hearing.
- Dogs off-leash are a menace to wildlife, mountain bikers (often travelling at speed on downhill tracks), and all walkers especially the elderly and children.
- Experience and evidence show the majority of dog walkers in this Reserve release their dogs at the entrance of Tawa's reserves despite notices banning this practice.
- We are aware of residents currently too intimidated to walk in Te-Ngahere-o-Tawa due to the number of aggressive or over-friendly dogs currently off-leash.
- We are also aware of bikers being thrown off their bikes due to dog attacks.

- FOTBR believe there are adequate off-leash areas currently in Tawa. If more are required, they must be fenced (for both dogs and other residents' protection), and ideally these areas should be flat and easily supervised.
- Other reserve users do not want to be accosted or threatened by off-leash dogs.
- All dog exercise areas (leashed and off-leash) must have adequate rubbish bins for disposal of dog poo.
- Too many dog poo bags are thrown into the nearby bush or neighboring private property as few dog-owners take their filled plastic bags home with them and there are insufficient rubbish tins at reserve entrances.
- There should be more council funding to provide for these bins – they should be regularly emptied and there should be regular monitoring/policing by Council staff in all on leash dog reserves.
- The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves **STONGLY OPPOSES** any plans to relax the current policy that requires all dogs to be kept on-leash at all times in all Tawa's bush reserves.

9. Comments on parts of the proposal by-laws

Re DAP9. Budgets

- The placement of bins in areas where dogs are commonly walked will not be helpful unless there is an increase in the service levels for these bins.
- There are already problems with bins regularly overflowing at Grasslees Reserve and New World Tawa and local shopping areas.
- Unattended dog defecation currently occurs in all the Parks and Reserves (bushed and clear field). FOTBR regular report pick up dog defecation and dog poo bags that have been thrown into the surrounding bush.
- FOTBR have interviewed staff of "Applied Biosecurity Solutions" a WCC contractor group, who confirm that these defecation issues occur all over the Tawa Reserves (again, bushed and clear field).
- The sole addition of more bins will not improve this situation. Rather include an education and a "Responsible Dog Owner" criterion in the registration process to take used poo bags home for disposal - same as for other litter.
- FOTBR member have observed that there are a significant number of dog owners who bring their dogs to the park and reserves to defecate (and no clean-up occurs with these people) – and no control or patrol from the WCC Animal Services team.
- It is pointless saying "Conducting more frequent proactive patrols by Animal Control Officers, particularly in areas of high wildlife significance, to ensure the safety and protection of both wildlife and dogs" unless there is also funding attached to providing this increased level of service. And also, what about protection of other human users of walking tracks. There is currently none, so what would be proposed for the under resourced Animal Control Officers, and how is that to be developed.
- Complaints to WCC by FOTBR members to staff and councillors (who we could name) has resulted in the retort, "we will need photographs to verify your complaints", but the question remains, "what action would the WCC Animal Control Officers take, if they had a photo?".

Proposed Change 1. New Off-leash areas

Caribbean Drive.

- The FOTBR very strongly OPPOSE the Caribbean Drive Reserve as a new off-leash area. It is part of the outer Green Belt management plan for an ecological corridor to facilitate biodiversity.
- Such action would be counter to the WCC “Our Natural Capital – Wellington biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan” and the OGBMP.
- There are many other clear field sites that can be used instead.

Spicer Forest and Forest of Tawa (multiple tracks).

- The map shows the off-leash area is limited to the Turbine Road ridgeline area only - whereas the description makes not such limitation and seems to include a number of other access tracks.
- The FOTBR strongly OPPOSE inclusion of the Kiwi Crescent ascent track as an off-leash area due to actual conflict between the ecology of the area, and other potential users - this is already an increasingly popular track since its completion just before covid with existing walkers, joggers, up-hill bike riders and dog walkers.
- The track is narrow and winding through increasing regenerative bush under a canopy of pine trees.
- Off-leash dogs can quickly get out of sight of their owners and come into conflict with other users.
- The FOTBR strongly OPPOSE inclusion of the wider Spicer Forest area due to effects on the ecological environment. This area is being actively trapped by Capital Kiwi and Friends of Tawa Bush Reserve and the indigenous bush and birds are making a rapid recovery in this area; including ground present harrier, falcon, kakareki, and within a few years kiwi's will be present having roamed from their Capital Kiwi release areas in Ohariu valley. It would be senseless to then have to reverse this decision when in a few years kiwi die from dog attacks. Rather the process needs to commence now to educate users to keep their dogs on-leash to protect our native wildlife and the for the enjoyment of other users.
- Note: - FOTBR members observe on a daily bases off leash dogs on the The Forest of Tawa track.

Proposed Change 6. Willowbank Park. Changes to existing off-leash areas.

- The FOTBR strongly OPPOSE the proposal to swap the play area with the off-leash dog exercise area at Willowbank Reserve in Tawa.
- There are a number of reasons why this proposed area would not make a good off-leash dog exercise area for dogs to roam freely:
 - a. It's an area often used for picnics by school groups, mothers with babies and preschoolers, families, birthday celebrations, and more. People like to sit quietly and read at those tables, too.
 - b. It's the area with picnic tables and canopies for shade, where people congregate, and eat.
 - c. The heritage fruit trees are in this area, and these are delicate. People like to look at the trees and forage the apples, pears, walnuts, and figs. This is an historic part of the reserve, detailed in several books about the area.
 - d. There are a number of memorial trees planted in this area.

- e. There is easy access to the stream here, and people like to look at the eels, and children paddle in the stream.
- f. If you wish to walk to the Takapu Stream end of the reserve, you need to walk through that area.
- g. Commuters and other train users walk along the adjacent path to Takapu Station.
- h. People like to play ball games in that area and run around as it is the only flat area of the park.
- i. Volunteers from Willowbank Reserve Care Group and Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves work in the reserve regularly, and their safety should be considered. An increase in the size and location of off-leash areas impacts this. There are already issues with dogs off-leash in this park.
- j. Owners often don't clean up after their dogs, and an increased off-leash area will only make it worse.
- k. The existing off-leash dog areas are more than adequate. They are used, but never crowded, and from the northern section dogs can play in the stream away from the area where eels normally congregate. Also, the Taylor Park dog exercise area is close by.
- l. Transfer of the site is an example of a complete waste of money that could be used to develop other fenced leash free areas.

Existing Off-Leash Dog Recreation areas in Tawa.

Recognition by the WCC and more advertising of the already designated other available off-leash areas in Tawa is perhaps required; e.g.

- 1. **Arthur Carman Park** (an under used park),
- 2. **Duncan Park** (already fully fenced apart from stream access. NOTE description location "Linden Avenue, Tawa - area between stream and Nathan Street" is incorrect - it is not adjacent to Nathan Street).
- 3. **Grassless Reserve** (already partially fenced and separated by stream/bridge from higher use sections on the eastern side. NOTE location description "Main Road, Tawa - western side of stream to Main Road" differs from Online map and needs to be corrected. Area is western side of stream path to Main Road. No one accesses this reserve from Main Road due to unsuitable parking - most commonly accessed via Luckie Street),
- 4. **Taylor Park** (already fully fenced and perhaps the most well used existing area in Tawa. NOTE the online map area needs to be corrected to be within the fenced area only), and
- 5. **Willowbank Park** (NOTE location description "Main Road, Tawa - area north of scout hall and area on eastern side of stream" needs to be updated to "Boscobel Lane Road, Tawa - area north and east of toilet block and area on northern side of stream". The scout hall has been demolished.

Suggestions for other additional off-leash Dog Recreations areas.

- 1. **Kowhai Park, Hinaiu Street, Tawa.** What about this area as an off-leash dog area - restricted to when there are no sports being played. It is a relatively large open flat grassed area where balls can be thrown and outside sports occasions gets little use.

2. **Tawa Lookout, Kilkelly Close, Tawa.** What about this area as an off-leash dog area - already popular with local dog walkers. No conflicts with other users. No other off-leash areas exist on the eastern side of the motorway in Tawa.
3. **Victory Crescent Park Tawa,** currently fenced, but would need a dividing fence to separate children for dogs.
4. **Vacant areas of park grassland** (unfenced) between Duncan Street and the Railway line.
5. **The area of land between the skateboard park and the rural fire compound (near the Tawa Pool).**
6. **Areas of land beside the NZ Post Wellington Sorting Centre.**
7. A part of **Mark Avenue Park** fenced for dogs.
8. **Note:** There are lots of available sites that are not parts of ecological bush reserves that are – or could be, - available for dog off leash exercise sites, if the WCC took a look at their land based maps.
9. **Investment** in new currently bare land sites is another option.



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Q1. Name:	John Burnet
Q2. Suburb:	not answered
Q3. I am making this submission:	on behalf of an organisation
Q4. Organisation:	Wellington Beekeepers Assoc
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Do you or someone in your household keep poultry?	No
Q7. Would you like to give feedback on poultry, or move on to the next section?	not answered
Q8. How do you feel about the proposal to clarify the scope of birds categorised as 'poultry' in the bylaw? (e.g., hens, roosters, ducks, geese, pheasants, peafowl, quail and turkeys).	
Q9. How do you feel about the proposal to specify the types of poultry allowed in residential areas without requiring prior permission?	
Q10. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new conditions for keeping poultry, such as the requirement to store feed in vermin-proof containers?	
Q11. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed poultry related changes as part of this review?	not answered
Q12. Do you or someone in your household keep bees?	Yes
Q13. Would you like to give feedback on bees, or move on to the next section?	not answered
Q14. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a cap of four beehives in residential areas without the need for written permission from the Council?	
Choose one of the following:	Strongly support

Q15. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a provision that allows the Council to require the removal or relocation of hives if they cause a nuisance?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q16. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a requirement that beekeeping on Council land must occur within licensed community garden areas?

Choose one of the following:

Support

Q17. How do you feel about the reference of legal requirements under the Biosecurity Act into the bylaw?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q18. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed bee related changes as part of this review?

1. Interpretation - Properties who pay residential rates that are located in rural areas should not be classified as residential for the purposes of this bylaw. 2.2.4. Clause is very general. Rules are required when fees do or do not apply. Beekeepers need to know when fees will apply and amount involved. Flat fee or hourly rate ? Period of permission needs to be provided. Does the approval require renewal. If so how often ? 6.1.1. Written permission from the Council should not be required to keep bees within a rural area. 6.1.3. Removal of hives should be a last resort. The term "Nuisance" is very subjective. It should be replaced with the term "Hazardous". 6.4 Legal requirements - Biosecurity Act states "The Beekeepers Registration Number must be displayed on at least one hive or on a sign within each apiary". Registration must be with The Management Agency (Apiculture NZ) not Wellington City Council.

Q19. Do you or someone in your household keep stock?

No

Q20. Would you like to give feedback on stock, or move on to the final section?

not answered

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a definition for stock in the bylaw? (e.g., alpacas, cattle, deer, donkeys, horses, sheep, goats and pigs).

Q22. How do you feel about the proposal to require prior written permission for keeping stock in a residential area as part of the bylaw?

Q23. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new condition requirements for keeping stock, including aspects like manure management and providing suitable living accommodations?

Q24. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed stock related changes as part of this review?

not answered

Q25. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

No

Q26. Contact number:	not answered
Q27. Email:	not answered
Q28. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q29. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 627

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- Q1. **Name:** Kate Littin
- Q2. **Suburb:** not answered
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** on behalf of an organisation
- Q4. **Organisation:** Forest and Bird
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** not answered
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Q9. **During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:**
- Q10. **Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?**
- Q11. **How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?**
- Q12. **How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:**
- Q13. **How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?**
- Q14. **How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:**
- Q15. **How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:**
- Q16. **Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?**

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

Submission 5. Forest & Bird acknowledges cats and dogs as valued companion animals in Wellington. However, as WCC's biodiversity strategy 'Our Natural Capital' also states: 2 "As a city, we need to take into account the role of all species in contributing to our cultural identity and our role in protecting species that are threatened in their original habitat."¹ 6. Responsible cat and dog ownership is a critical component of supporting a biodiverse city where wildlife thrives. Cat and dog regulation is not controversial in Wellington and Forest & Bird supports any regulation that ensures responsible pet ownership and which enables wildlife to live and thrive in the city. 7. Dogs live in about 26% of households in Wellington² and enjoy access to a range of off-leash areas in addition to a basic on-leash access except where prohibited. When policed well, this strikes a good balance between allowing quality of life for dogs and containment to avoid risks to humans, other dogs and wildlife. It is concerning to us that WCC's own report showed that reports of uncontrolled dogs, and attacks on people and animals rose by more than a quarter in the last year. Forest & Bird Wellington members are aware of breaches of leash requirements by owners across reserves and coastal areas in Wellington. We comment below on two aspects and appreciate the steps the Council has laid out in the action plan that address these – 1. the need for better support for enforcement including through supporting public reporting; 2. the need to improve owner understanding of the importance of keeping dogs on lead around Wellington. 8. Forest & Bird acknowledges the position cats hold as a valued companion animal to loving owners. As a loved animal, cat owners also need to take responsibility for their cat's behaviour and safety. Forest & Bird supports mandatory microchipping, registration and de-sexing as the bare minimum of responsible cat ownership. We also request WCC include a cat limit to bring its regulation in line with the majority of other councils that regulate cats in Aotearoa. 9. We also acknowledge the enjoyment that horse owners and riders get from keeping and riding horses within Wellington and near their homes. However, in some instances we are aware that the planned phasing out of horse grazing leases on reserves is not occurring quickly. It is critical that this is reviewed across reserves in Wellington to ensure that the biodiversity outcomes are not being compromised, in accordance with the biodiversity strategy and other plans including WCC's Outer Green Belt Management Plan and Greater Wellington Regional Council's Key Native Ecosystems plans. MAHERE MAHI HUKIHUKI DRAFT ACTION PLAN (YEARS 1–3) - DOGS 10. We acknowledge the several areas in the draft Action Plan for dogs that address wildlife protection. We have specific comments as follows: DAP2 It is critical that this work takes account of work underway to consider a future vision for the northern end of Te Motu Kairangi/Miramar. DAP5 Together with DAP7, we think this will improve access to 'dog friendly' areas in Wellington and divert unwanted off-leash activity from reserves and open areas that are critical for wildlife protection. 1 Page 4. Our Natural Capital. Wellington's biodiversity strategy and action plan 2015: <https://wellington.govt.nz/-/media/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans-and-policies/a-toz/biodiversity/files/2015/our-natural-capital-entire.pdf?la=en&hash=E621E982C24DA313AE1DAB8BBA03E353B58A6C0C> 2 Companion Animals in New Zealand. 2022. CANZ Companion Animals New Zealand. Companion+Animals+in+NZ+2020+(1).pdf (squarespace.com), accessed 17 October 2023. 3 DAP6 We consider that the whole spectrum of behaviour change needs to be addressed in this action, not just signage to enhance awareness. This should be alongside a wider campaign focussed on other elements that are critical for behaviour change – desire to change, ability to change, and retention of good behaviour. This could include supporting owners to understand the need for dogs to be on lead, and better knowledge of what good behaviour looks like (e.g. DCC's

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Q24. Email:

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Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



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18 October 2023

Submission on Wellington City Council's Animal Bylaw, Dog Policy and Domestic Animal Policy Review 2023

To: Wellington City Council
Submitted via email to [REDACTED]

From: Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc (Forest & Bird)
Kate Littin – Chair, Wellington Branch of Forest & Bird
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Kerry Shaw, Committee member, Wellington Branch of Forest & Bird and Places for Penguins project lead

Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to protect New Zealand's unique flora and fauna and its habitat.
2. We congratulate Wellington City Council (WCC) for the comprehensive review of its Animal Bylaw and Dog and Domestic Animal Policies. Forest & Bird encourages councils to adopt meaningful cat and dog policies and regulations to support responsible cat and dog ownership, to minimise risks to human health and safety, and to minimise the risk of nuisance cats and uncontrolled dogs to native species.
3. Forest & Bird's core concerns regard the need for better owner behaviour with dogs on and off leash, consideration of a restriction on dogs in Houghton Bay to protect known penguin nesting site, and the omission of a cat limit in the proposed bylaw. In addition, we want to see urgent implementation of the phase-outs to leases for horse grazing in reserves.
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Submission

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PROPOSED CHANGE 14: Introduce a bylaw requirement for the mandatory desexing of cats

Forest & Bird supports the compulsory requirement to de-sex cats

21. The reproductive potential of a single female cat is estimated at 300 kittens in her reproductive lifetime. The potential for a male cat is far beyond that. MPI's Code of Welfare states puberty can occur from four months of age.⁵ Responsible cat ownership includes having cats desexed at or before puberty. Palmerston North, Whanganui, Whangārei, Ruapehu and Buller District Councils all included de-sexing in their recent Animals Bylaw reviews. Whanganui's bylaw includes compulsory desexing from four months of age.
22. Forest & Bird proposes the compulsory requirement to de-sex cats in Wellington be from FOUR months. De-sexing from four months would bring the bylaw in line with Whanganui which currently has the best cat regulation in the country. We would, however, support veterinary discretion on a case-by-case basis, should six months be deemed more appropriate for specific individual cats. Prevention of unwanted kittens would be a major advancement in cat management in Wellington. Animal shelters and cat rescues strain under the burden of so many unwanted cats. Desexing from four months would go a long way to addressing this pressure.

Forest & Bird requests a limit of TWO cats per household

23. Cat limits are the most common form of regulation in bylaws across Aotearoa (Table 1.). New Zealanders show a high level (>65%) of support for limits to be placed on the number of cats owned per household.⁶

Table 1. Territorial Authorities that currently limit cat numbers in their bylaws.

Cat limits per household	Council
Two cats	Buller District Council ⁷ Mackenzie District Council ⁸
Three cats	Carterton District Council ⁹ Rangitikei District Council ¹⁴
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	Masterton District Council ¹¹

⁵ <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/46021-Code-of-Welfare-Companion-cats>

⁶ Walker, J.K., Bruce, S.J., Dale, A.R. 2017. A Survey of Public Opinion on Cat (*Felis catus*) Predation and the Future Direction of Cat Management in New Zealand. *Animals (Basel)*. 7(7): 49. Accessed: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5532564/>

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⁸ https://www.mackenzie.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/589829/Keeping-of-Animals-Poultry-and-Bees-Bylaw-2021.pdf

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¹⁴ <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/forms/Animal-Control-Bylaw-2019.pdf>

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Four cats	Hastings District Council ¹⁹ Marlborough District Council ²⁰	Manawātū District Council ²¹ Ruapehu District Council ²²
Five cats	Far North District Council ²³ Southland District Council ²⁴	South Waikato District Council ²⁵

24. In 2021, Mackenzie District Council imposed the strictest cat limit in the country, allowing only two per household in urban areas. Just this year, following consultation with the community, Buller followed suit and decreased its proposed cat limit from four to two. Imposing cat limits to households where cats pose a nuisance, e.g. cat hoarders and unwanted breeding, is desired by communities and an easy way to address and abate nuisance from too many cats.
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PROPOSED CHANGE 24:

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¹⁶ <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/Publications/Policies-Bylaws>

¹⁷ <https://www.wairoa.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Bylaws/WDC-Part-3-Public-Safety-Bylaw-FINAL.pdf>

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RESOURCING:

Forest & Bird proposes allocating appropriate resources to ensure bylaw effectiveness

27. The biggest stumbling block to effective dog and cat management in Aotearoa is funding of compliance and education. There is an element of council responsibility to give clear messages regarding responsible pet ownership, however, dog owners in particular need to also be held to account when not following the rules.
28. Cat and dog management in Wellington need not be expensive or unachievable. It just requires leadership and a well-balanced approach of education, targeted funding and enforcement.

Submission ends.



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Q1. Name:	Myfanwy Hill
Q2. Suburb:	Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	on behalf of an organisation
Q4. Organisation:	Urban Wildlife Trust
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	
Q6. Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?	Yes
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Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Not important
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Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Not important
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Choose one of the following:	Support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
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Choose one of the following: Support

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Choose one of the following: Support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Support
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Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

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Choose one of the following: Support

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

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Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
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Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	Do not support
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Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The Urban Wildlife Trust supports initiatives that will enable our indigenous biodiversity to coexist with domestic pets in an urban environment. We support the provision of improved off leash areas where this does not significantly conflict with wildlife, and note that must come along with increased enforcement of high biodiversity areas where dogs are required to be onleash. Examples are within Otari-Wilton's Bush and Makara Peak Mountainbike Park where threatened bird species are found. We also support the removal of onleash status from coastal areas such as the rocky section of Island Bay where seabirds are often found. And again we request increased enforcement of coastal onleash areas where little penguin deaths are known to occur such as Oruaiti Reserve. The changes to the RDO criteria are of concern as it may enable dogs to wander if not properly contained, it also appears that the ability to get licence is getting easier and there is no strong driver to have well trained dogs, which are less likely to wander, not come back when called and not be able to walk onleash, all of which may put native wildlife at risk. We would support the reintroduction of some basic dog training (not just owners) prior to receiving a licence. In all these regards there appears to be a loosening of restrictions on dog owners, which the Urban Wildlife Trust can support if carefully considered, but not enough mention of consequences if a dog owner is doing the wrong thing. For example, we support the mandatory 12 standdown period before you can reapply for the new RDO status but feel it should be strengthened to - if caught with your dog offleash in any onleash area rather than the higher bar of needing a written warning. Alternatively extend the standdown period to 24 months. We would also support the Council supporting local dog clubs to carry out basic training in key areas and increase the number of Animal Control Officers to ensure that they are carrying out proactive patrols across areas of high biodiversity.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 552

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 09:04:53 am

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 09:04:53 am

Q1. Name:	Myfanwy Hill
Q2. Suburb:	[REDACTED], Wellington
Q3. I am making this submission:	on behalf of an organisation
Q4. Organisation:	Urban Wildlife Trust
Q5. If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:	[REDACTED]
Q6. Are you a cat owner or does someone in your household own a cat?	No
Q7. How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to reduce stray cats in the city?	Choose one of the following: Strongly support
Q8. How do you feel about the proposed bylaw requirement that all domestic cats over six months must be desexed (with exceptions for cats owned by registered breeders or if the procedure would pose unnecessary risk to the cat)?	Choose one of the following: Strongly support
Q9. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed cat-related changes as part of this review?	<p>The Urban Wildlife Trust supports additional restrictions on companion cats within Wellington given the presence of a large number of threatened native species. As the capital city and a rare example where native biodiversity is increasing, the Council needs to take a leadership role in this space. We would support additional requirements around containing cats on a property as is common in a number of states in Australia. There should also be a restriction on the number of cats that can be owned, which is common in other NZ cities. We also feel that in addition to requirements under the bylaw and policy, Council should dedicate further funding through the upcoming LTP to support the initiative around reducing stray cat numbers. If compulsory containment isn't explored, then there should be funding for further education of cat owners on the benefits of containment, particularly near areas of high biodiversity value.</p>
Q10. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q11. Email:	[REDACTED]
Q12. Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Q13. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered

Q14. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 158

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 18, 2023 09:16:18 am

Last Seen: Oct 18, 2023 09:16:18 am

- Q1. **Name:** Myfanwy Hill
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** on behalf of an organisation
- Q4. **Organisation:** Urban Wildlife Trust
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Do you or someone in your household keep poultry?** No
- Q7. **Would you like to give feedback on poultry, or move on to the next section?** Yes I would still like to give feedback on poultry
- Q8. **How do you feel about the proposal to clarify the scope of birds categorised as 'poultry' in the bylaw? (e.g., hens, roosters, ducks, geese, pheasants, peafowl, quail and turkeys).**
Choose one of the following: Support
- Q9. **How do you feel about the proposal to specify the types of poultry allowed in residential areas without requiring prior permission?**
Choose one of the following: No preference
- Q10. **How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new conditions for keeping poultry, such as the requirement to store feed in vermin-proof containers?**
Choose one of the following: Strongly support
- Q11. **Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed poultry related changes as part of this review?**
The Urban Wildlife Trust would like the negative impact of chickens on our native lizard and invertebrate populations to be noted, and support any measures to restrict the increased pest populations (such as rats) that domestic poultry can cause.
- Q12. **Do you or someone in your household keep bees?** No
- Q13. **Would you like to give feedback on bees, or move on to the next section?** Yes I would still like to give feedback on bees
- Q14. **How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a cap of four beehives in residential areas without the need for written permission from the Council?**
Choose one of the following: Support

Q15. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a provision that allows the Council to require the removal or relocation of hives if they cause a nuisance?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q16. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a requirement that beekeeping on Council land must occur within licensed community garden areas?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q17. How do you feel about the reference of legal requirements under the Biosecurity Act into the bylaw?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q18. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed bee related changes as part of this review?

We support some level of restriction on beehives as the impact of exotic honeybees on our native bee population is still unclear. We strongly support beehives not being kept within bush areas on public land.

Q19. Do you or someone in your household keep stock? No

Q20. Would you like to give feedback on stock, or move on to the final section? Yes I would still like to give feedback on stock

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a definition for stock in the bylaw? (e.g., alpacas, cattle, deer, donkeys, horses, sheep, goats and pigs).

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q22. How do you feel about the proposal to require prior written permission for keeping stock in a residential area as part of the bylaw?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q23. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new condition requirements for keeping stock, including aspects like manure management and providing suitable living accommodations?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q24. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses, or the proposed stock related changes as part of this review?

The Urban Wildlife Trust is concerned about the keeping of species which need to be controlled across public land due to their impact on the environment. This includes deer, goats and pigs. Restrictions around the keeping of these species to ensure they are adequately contained is strongly supported.

Q25. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors. Yes

Q26. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q27. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q28. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q29. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 29

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 02, 2023 08:29:11 am

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2023 08:29:11 am

Q1. **Name:** Vicki Vertongen

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	No preference
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	No preference
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	No preference
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	No preference

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	Support
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	No preference

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	Support
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	Strongly support

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	Support
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The proposed change in areas in Island Bay is a poorly thought out proposal. Better signage of expectations as dog owners are able to (for the most part) keep their dogs off the dunes. This have just never been requested before re DOGS. Secondly. The bigger impact is humans in the dunes. I live at [REDACTED], and there is an area of significant erosion in the dunes - due to HUMANS without dogs making a short cut down from the seat placed approximately 300 the Esplanade. Better signage and roping needed. I am happy to provide photos if wanted. If the proposed areas were swapped, there is less beach access further down the esplanade, so families would be more likely to take short cuts over the southern end of the dunes. Re dog containment, the open stairs on the proposed area creates less secure area for dogs, and may increase risk to dogs if they ran from the beach to the road. The beach further down where the proposed swap area is, is more rocky / stony, and not as pleasant for families with small children to site. There is also a SIGNIFICANT current at times off this beach, and with a shorter distance to the open ocean more risk of someone running into difficulties if swimming. Over the past 10 years we have lived here this is the area that the greatest number of swimmers needing support or rescue have occurred. The swap would also put families who want to avoid dogs AWAY from the swimming pontoon. Hence less desirable for families and swimmers. This is not a good proposal. Place better signage Place better roping on the street (esp at the southern end) to stop human traffic through the dunes. Place better fencing with wire if needed. But don't swap the areas. This would only worsen things for both dog owners AND families.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 373
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 14, 2023 14:45:23 pm
Last Seen: Oct 14, 2023 14:45:23 pm

- Q1. **Name:** Mladen Ivancic
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- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | No preference |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Very important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Very important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Very important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Very important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | No preference |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	No preference
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	No preference
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place	No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve	No preference
with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly do not support
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

My focus is on Oriental Bay and Hataitai Beaches where I am a regular swimmer, winter and summer. Dog owners do not necessarily obey current by-laws, and I am strongly against anti further liberalisation of the by-laws - such as pre-10am and post 7pm windows for dogs to occupy those spaces. The rules need to be kept really simple - 100% ban in summer months is the only sensible approach. Summer should be defined as 1 November to 30 April, for all beaches. Hataitai beach has a large number of swimmers in March and April, and its totally ridiculous to open up that beach to dogs on 1st March. Dog owners do not all necessarily collect their dogs faeces and allowing a window up to 10am will mean inevitably that dog faeces will be present when children arrive at the beach. This doesn't seem a very healthy approach. Finally I would like to note that many people dislike dogs and the proposed changes to the by-laws seem to not take that fact sufficiently into account.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q25. Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.

not answered

Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 733

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 29, 2023 11:39:23 am

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2023 11:39:23 am

- Q1. **Name:** Rachel Allan
- Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED], Wellington
- Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Organisation:** not answered
- Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]
- Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** No
- Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**
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| Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels | Important |
| Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar | No preference |
| Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas | Important |
| Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking) | Important |
| Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry | Important |
| Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users | Important |
| Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints | Important |
| Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste | Very important |
| Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads | Important |
- Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**
- Choose one of the following: Strongly do not support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	No preference
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	No preference
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	No preference
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	No preference
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly do not support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	No preference
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	No preference
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	No preference
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	No preference

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Do not support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Prohibit dogs from the lawn area next to the Wishing Well on Oriental Bay Parade in response to concerns about dog waste in the area	Strongly support
Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Support
Modify the current "prohibited" requirement for Kaiwharawhara Park to "on leash at all times"	No preference
Convert the off-leash designation at the entrance of Waimapihi Reserve to on-leash to support wildlife conservation at the reserve	Strongly support
Convert the off-leash designation at Hataitai Park (Alexandra Road) to on-leash to minimise user conflict	Strongly support

Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Modify the existing off-leash area at Flinders Place	No preference
Recreation Reserve to accommodate the construction of a new fenced play area	
Swap the existing off-leash area at Willowbank Reserve with the existing children's play area and designate an additional dog exercise area on the reserve	Do not support

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:	Strongly support
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Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:	No preference
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Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:	No preference
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Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

A huge amount of work has gone in to making Wellington a "Kiwi friendly" city - the reintroduction of kiwi into the wild has happened and we are hopeful it will be successful. The area around Spicer Forest and Te Ngahere o Tawa will one day, hopefully, be filled with the noise of kiwi. Please don't let dogs off the leash in this area. We already have an abundant native bird and gecko life in these hills and these will ultimately suffer if dogs are allowed to roam. Please keep Willowbank park as it currently is. Families, schools, sports clubs all using the open green space for picnics and community get togethers. Don't take this away. Instead improve the existing dog park next to the Badminton Hall. Install a small fenced "small dog" area within the existing park - I don't accept there isn't the space to do so as Plimmerton has done this with a smaller space.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.	Yes
Q24. Email:	[REDACTED]
Q25. Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Q26. If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.	not answered
Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?	No, I do not consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.



Respondent No: 745

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Sep 29, 2023 15:42:58 pm

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2023 15:42:58 pm

Q1. **Name:** Tanya Ashken/Drawbridge

Q2. **Suburb:** [REDACTED] Wellington

Q3. **I am making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Organisation:** not answered

Q5. **If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:** [REDACTED]

Q6. **Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?** Yes

Q7. **Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:**

Create an off-leash area with designated zones for dog with different energy levels	Very important
Continue to investigate options to establish an off-leash area in Miramar	Very important
Explore options for more frequent mowing and turf renovation for off-leash areas	Very important
Update the website by adding information about off-leash areas (image of the park, accessibility, parking)	Very important
Evaluate off-leash signage for visibility and effectiveness upon entry	Very important
Add off-leash areas to Google Maps, including descriptions and operating hours, to assist users	Very important
Assess the advantages of installing "etiquette boards" in popular exercise areas with frequent complaints	Very important
Audit the number and placement of bins in dog-walking areas to improve the convenience of disposing dog waste	Very important
Investigate options to support a 'fencing installation programme' with a focus on sites adjacent to roads	Very important

Q8. **How do you generally feel about the Council's focus to increase off-leash opportunities in response to the growing number of dogs in Wellington?**

Choose one of the following: Strongly support

Q9. During early engagement, we identified the following locations to expand off-leash provision. Please indicate your level of support for the proposal to establish or expand each off-leash area:

Appleton Park, Karori	Strongly support
Caribbean Drive, Grenada North	Strongly support
Elliot Park, Brooklyn	Strongly support
Mount Albert, Berhampore (tracks within the Wellington Town Belt)	Strongly support
Spicer Forest, Tawa (multiple tracks)	Strongly support
Terrace Gardens, Wellington Central	Strongly support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Strongly support
Wahinahina Reserve, Newlands	Strongly support

Q10. Do you believe the Council has achieved a balanced distribution of off-leash areas across Wellington, as outlined in the proposed locations above?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q11. How do you feel about the proposal to increase off-leash provision in the city centre by expanding the times at Oriental Bay Beach during off-peak hours in the warmer months?

Choose one of the following: Support

Q12. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Swap around the "off-leash" and "prohibited" areas at Island Bay Beach to minimise the impact of dogs on dune restoration and introduce seasonal specified times during the warmer months	Strongly do not support
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Q13. How do you feel about keeping Hataitai Park (Ruahine Street) as an off-leash area even if it does not have a roadside fence?

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposals? Please indicate your level of support:

Q15. How do you feel about the following proposed changes? Please indicate your level of support:

Decouple the proposed Accredited Dog Owner criteria from the Dog Policy and make the most current criteria accessible on the website	No preference
Renaming the "Responsible Dog Owner" status to "Accredited Dog Owner" Licence	No preference

Q16. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed criteria changes to the Accredited Dog Owner Licence?

Choose one of the following: No preference

Q17. How do you generally feel about the focus to increase enforcement of dog waste management in Wellington?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q18. How do you feel about the specific proposal to implement a bylaw requirement for dog owners to carry effective means of waste disposal in public places?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q19. How do you generally feel about initiatives aimed at enhancing Wellington's dog-friendly status?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q20. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce a "Dog-Friendly Wellington" section into the Dog Policy?

Choose one of the following:

Strongly support

Q21. How do you feel about the proposal to introduce new level of service categories for off-leash areas?

Choose one option:

Support

Q22. Do you have any additional comments or feedback regarding your responses or the proposed dog-related changes as part of this review?

The arrangement for dogs to run free on Island Bay beach are perfect now. It would be stupid to shift the area to the other end of the beach, which is people friendly. The additional prohibition in the hours allowed will curtail the freedom of people & their dogs. The dunes are more in danger of threat by people than dogs , as dog poo alone is no threat. The big tides are the threat to the dunes. A more substantial barrier than just the present ropes would deter dogs & people from going up into the dunes. If you carry this proposal out, you will ruin the enjoyment we dog owners have had with each other & our dogs for years. 90% of people on the beach are dog owners & gives us a quality of life that wouldn't exist otherwise. The sea off our beach is better for dogs to swim in than for humans, as is plunges deeply just over the shoreline, & dogs enjoy plunging in to retrieve sticks, which wouldn't be the same in the shallower end. If you are proposing a more friendly attitude to Dogs by the WCC, this is the worst thing you could possibly do, & contrary to your statement. I repeat, that whoever thinks the dunes are in danger because of dogs, is plain Wrong.

Q23. Would you like to speak to Councillors in support of your submission? This usually involves a 5-minute presentation in support of your submission to all Councillors.

Yes

Q24. Email:

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Q25. Contact number:

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Q27. Do you consent to having your name or other personal information included in any information about submissions that WCC may publish or release under the LGOIMA?

Yes, I consent to the inclusion of my name or other personal information.