



**Respondent No:** 564

**Login:** Anonymous

**Responded At:** Oct 18, 2023 14:43:22 pm

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Q1. <b>Name:</b>	Miriam Moore
Q2. <b>Suburb:</b>	
Q3. <b>I am making this submission:</b>	on behalf of an organisation
Q4. <b>Organisation:</b>	Tawa Community Board
Q5. <b>If you would like to stay in the loop with the outcomes of this review, please enter your email address here:</b>	
Q6. <b>Are you a dog owner or does someone in your household own a dog?</b>	No
Q7. <b>Please indicate your stance on the importance of each action:</b>	
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
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	Important
Q8. <b>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?</b>	
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)	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: 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	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	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

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

The Tawa Community Board are strongly opposed to creating a new off leash area in Spicer Forest. This area of bush is undergoing successful native regeneration and it is considered that releasing uncontrolled dogs in this area poses a serious risk to native species that are beginning to thrive in Tawa. It is expected more and more native birdlife will become prevalent in this area, including the possibility of kiwi. We believe this proposal goes against the Policy's off-leash consideration of "potential disturbance to local wildlife and negative impact on conservation efforts", and urge Council to reconsider. The Board are also concerned about the proposal to relocate the off-leash area and playground at Willowbank Reserve. While we understand the safety and visibility reasons behind the proposal to relocate the playground, the current open grass area is flat and popular for picnics. It provides access to feeding the eels in Porirua Stream which is popular with families. This part of the park is also the access point to the Takapu Road Station southbound platform. This part of the park is well-used and we consider the best part for off-leash dogs is the area adjacent to the stream accessed from under the rail bridge, currently designated for dogs. It is considered this needs more community engagement. I have included pictures of how our local community use this 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.**

No

**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.**

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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.





**Whānau feeding the eels - a popular activity at Willowbank Reserve**



**The big flat area is popular for family picnics (this photo was following a community bike ride)**





**Respondent No:** 392

**Login:** Anonymous

**Responded At:** Oct 15, 2023 07:34:07 am

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Q1. **Name:** Joan McCarthy

Q2. **Suburb:**

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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?** 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 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 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 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	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	Strongly do not support
Trelissick Park, Ngaio (extension of existing off-leash area)	Strongly do not support
Hauora Reserve, Woodridge	Do not support
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?**

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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: 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	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	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?**

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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?**

Dogs off leashes are NOT suitable for disabled people or the informed in public places

**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:**



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.

I am disabled and enjoy being on Oriental Bay beach during the summer.

Dogs are dynamite when they are racing along the beach both for disabled people and children.

The other problem is that their owners do not pick up their poos or tend to notice. It is not hygienic for children to be playing on beach with messes all over the Place.

Joan McCarthy

Sent from my iPhone



**Respondent No:** 161

**Login:** Anonymous

**Responded At:** Sep 19, 2023 21:20:14 pm

**Last Seen:** Sep 19, 2023 21:20:14 pm

Q1. **Name:** Debbie Bidlake

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:** not answered

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It seems pointless bringing new rules in when existing ones are not enforced properly. Skyline is supposed to be an on lead area, but this is not respected - despite the presence of kiwi. I've never seen a dog control officer on the track and we live next to it. I've been bailed up by off lead dogs while tree planting in the reserve, seen people bush bash looking for their dogs that are refusing to return. I'm unclear whether the dog control MIA in this area is due to resource constraints or lack of strategic direction, but I'd have thought this area should be a compliance priority with our manu recently returned.

Q23. <b>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.</b>	Yes
Q24. <b>Email:</b>	not answered
Q25. <b>Contact number:</b>	not answered
Q26. <b>If you'd like to upload a file in support of your submission, you can do so here.</b>	not answered
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