

# Memo

**10 September 2018**

**To:** Michael Sinclair – Manager Social Policy and Bylaws  
**cc:** All Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members  
**From:** Tristan Coulson – Senior Advisor, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

**Subject: Feedback on the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy review**

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this memo is to formalise the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board’s (the local board) feedback on the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy review.

## Background

2. At the 3 July 2018 workshop, staff from council’s policy and bylaws team discussed the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy review with staff, where the following matters were discussed:
  - multiple Dog Ownership Licence: requiring owners to obtain a licence for more than one or more than two dogs.
  - time and season rule: proposing a new time and season definition to: Saturday of Labour Weekend to 31 March, from 10am to 7pm.
  - regional default rule: proposing a regional default rule of under control on leash, in parks and reserves not listed in the schedule of access rules.

## Local board feedback

3. The following table details the local board’s feedback on the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy review:

Component of policy and bylaw review	Feedback
Multiple dog ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the current rules (status quo) for multiple dog ownership. However, the local board is amenable to changes to ensure consistency across multiple local board areas (i.e. the Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Kaipatiki and Upper Harbour local board areas).</li> <li>• Recognises that rural and urban areas should be treated differently.</li> </ul>
Time and season rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the current rules (status quo) which defines the summer season between Labour Weekend and 31 March, 10am to 6pm.</li> </ul>
Regional default rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the regional default rule to be dogs under control on leash.</li> <li>• Requests advice from staff that signage in areas covered by a regional default rule will be funded regionally.</li> </ul>

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Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognises that regional consistency is required but not at the expense of users.</li> <li>• Suggests that signage needs to be clear and comprehensive (e.g. include dog access information on directional signage).</li> <li>• Suggest that the Auckland Council website is refreshed to provide accurate and meaningful information on where to take your dog.</li> <li>• Supports regional a regional approach for designated dog exercise areas, but requests further advice and support from staff to understand how this activity can support and enhance local board initiatives (e.g. the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is currently identifying dog park sites in its local board area).</li> </ul>