

Date: Thursday 14 February 2019
Time: 9.31am
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26
Venue: 135 Albert St
Auckland

**Komiti Whakahaere ā-Ture
Regulatory Committee
OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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To the Regulatory Committee

Dear Councillors

Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw Statement of Proposal

The Waiheke Local Board request the committee acknowledge the governance role of the local board under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 during its consideration of the above report.

As part of an inclusive approach by the Governing Body to the development of the Dog Control Bylaw in 2014, the board consulted extensively with our community to set the local time and season definition for dog access on local open spaces. In addition, the board funded two bird surveys to inform the rules and ensure necessary wildlife protection was in place. It is very disappointing that the above proposal seeks to replace the decision of the board.

We wish to reiterate our feedback provided during workshops in June / July 2018 and request **local board discretion on time and season definition**. Waiheke is not contiguous with other board areas in the region, we have a unique situation due to the nature of our wildlife and coastline, and our community are supportive of the board's current access rules.

The time and season rule on Waiheke is 10am to 6pm on public holidays and weekends between Labour weekend and Easter weekend.

The proposed regional time and season rule will result in a huge reduction of access during weekdays for our dog owners, evening walks will be delayed, and it will be a decrease of three weeks to the agreed season rule.

We request the committee ensure the policy provides discretion to local boards to determine local time and season rules.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PA Wallis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Waiheke Local Board