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Puketāpapa Local Board

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Summary of public feedback

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Dog policy and bylaw review 2025

**Summary of feedback received during
Auckland Council's public consultation
from 20 January to 23 February 2025**

Analysis by Auckland Insights | Democracy and Engagement





Dog policy and bylaw review 2025 (including regional parks)

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

This report summarises feedback received during the consultation period of 20 January to 23 February 2025 on the dog policy and bylaw (including regional park access rules).

It does not provide advice or recommendations based on the feedback received.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

TOTAL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED: 7,101

Overview of the consultation

During the consultation period of 20 January to 23 February 2025, we consulted the public on the dog policy and bylaw (including regional park access rules), and a local dog access rules review.

Our dog policy helps us:

- keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders
- minimises the problems that dogs can cause
- ensures the welfare of dogs.

Our bylaw implements the policy.

In this review, we proposed:

- set a limit on the number of dogs a person can walk at one time in council-controlled public places
- clarify and update dog access rules for 14 regional parks
- clarify and update dog access rules for 64 local parks and beaches
- remove outdated or repeated information
- improve the layout and make the wording clearer.

This report focuses on feedback received on the **policy and bylaw, including regional parks access rules only**. 5,186 individuals and 30 organisations (5,207 in total) provided feedback.

Submissions received on the dog policy and bylaw: 4,046

Submissions received for regional access rules: 3,084

A high-level summary of results includes:

- Submitters **did not support our proposal on walking multiple dogs** in question one (66 per cent of individuals and 14 of 20 organisations opposed the proposal)
 - 53 per cent of individuals opposed to the proposal preferred no change
 - Seven of the 14 organisations preferred another alternative, including the the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA) petition noted below.
- At least two thirds of individual submitters **supported most of our proposals to reorganize, simply or clarify the policy and bylaw content** under question two
 - The one exception was the proposal to update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains), where 49 per cent support the proposal and 26 per cent opposed it, with the remaining 25 per cent unsure.
- **A majority of submitters were opposed to all our proposed changes to dog access at regional parks**, though some more than others, i.e. submitters were:
 - Strongly opposed (at least 70 per cent opposed) to the changes proposed at Long Bay, Pākiri and Te Ārai Regional Parks
 - More balanced in their feedback for Muriwai, Tāwharanui and Wenderholm Regional Parks (around 40-45 per cent support and opposed).

Further detail on each proposal can be found in the body of the report, including common themes from comments provided by submitters.

Submissions of note

In response the question 1 (our proposal on walking multiple dogs), the **Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA)** submitted a petition run through change.org which received **3,456 signatures**.

PDWA and their members strongly support the introduction of a license for professional dog walkers and a limit of twelve dogs applying to licensed professional dog walkers. A copy of their submission can be found in the attachment to their submission (#6903).

In response to our proposal to amend the access rules for Shakespear Regional Park, 266 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign initiated by **Dog Friends Auckland**. These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on ARMY BAY beach and foreshore areas east of the boat ramp that DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the time and season rule for the rest of ARMY BAY.

Reason: The cliffs to the east of the boat ramp provide a natural access barrier to the Sanctuary beyond the perimeter fencing. There is no need to ban dogs from this area to keep them out of the sanctuary area.

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on OKOROMAI BAY beach east of the TREELINE EMBANKMENT DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the time and season rule for the rest of Okoromai Bay.

Reason: The proposal isn't fixing a known issue, but a 'possible' risk of dogs straying into the open Sanctuary.

Who we heard from

A detailed breakdown of providers of feedback that provided demographic information when submitting feedback is provided in **Attachment One**. Some key points to note include:

- Around two thirds of submitters (66 per cent) were between the ages of 35 and 64 years
- 80 per cent were of European ethnicity, while eight per cent identified as Asian, six per cent identified as Māori, and two per cent identified as Pasifika
- Regarding location, submitters that identified as being from Ōrākei received a significant portion of all submissions (21 per cent), while submitters from the Rodney and Hibiscus and Bays local boards also made up a large portion (10 and eight per cent respectively).

Local board breakdowns

Data tables detailing responses by local board (for individuals) can be found in **Attachment Two**.

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Feedback

The following breakdown of feedback received summarises ‘top line’ responses from individuals and organisations, and includes common themes identified from comments made by individual submitters.

It does not include common themes from comments made in submissions from organisations because the number of comments from organisations was too low to report common themes.

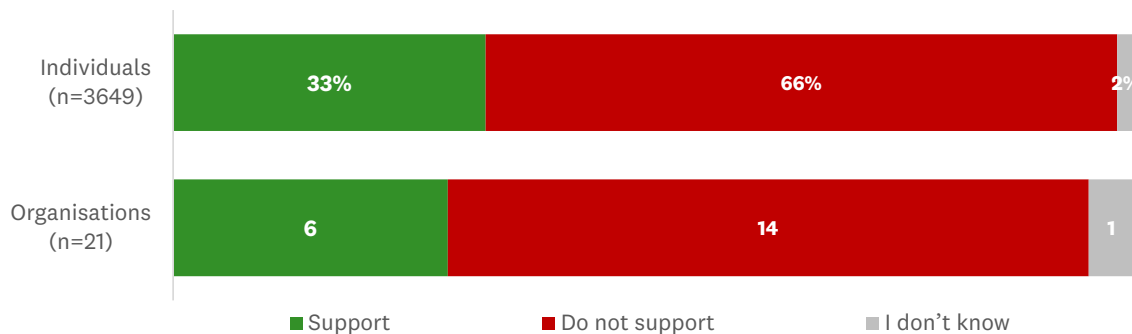
Question 1 - Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

- Maximum 6 dogs (both on-leash or off-leash)
- Maximum 6 dogs on-leash
- Maximum 3 dogs off-leash.

1.1 What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 3,670 responses (52% of all submitters)

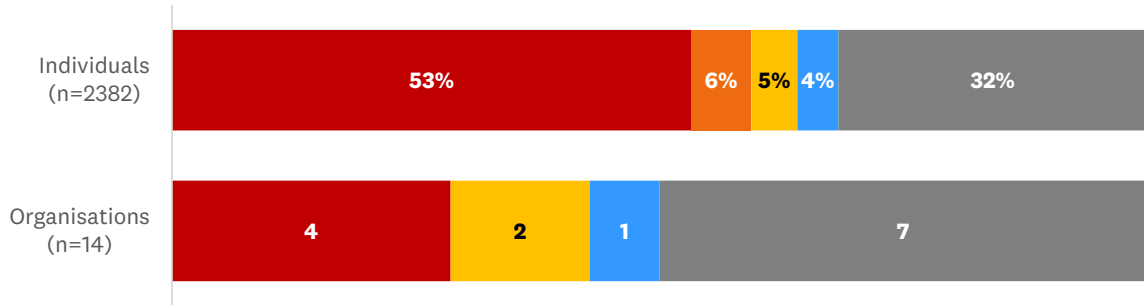


| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 1,186 | 6 |
| Do not support | 2,397 | 14* |
| I don't know | 66 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 3,649 | 21 |

* Note: one submission, from the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA) includes a petition with 3,456 signatures.

1.2 If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Single select question | 2,396 responses of the 2,412 that selected 'do not support'



- No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)
- Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash
- Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained
- Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash
- Other (please explain below)

| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| No change to current rules (no limit) | 1,269 | 4 |
| Max four dogs, with no more than two off-leash | 146 | 0 |
| Max four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licensed | 113 | 2 |
| Max eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash | 100 | 1 |
| Other | 754 | 7* |
| TOTAL | 2,382 | 14 |

* Note: one submission, from the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA) includes a petition with 3,456 signatures.

1.3 Tell us why

Open text question | 3,114 responses (85% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 2,135 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

39%

Financial concern for dog walkers

People were concerned limited the number of dogs a person can walk will impact the financial viability of some professional dog walkers.

823 comments (39 per cent of all comments from those that did not support)



Freedom for qualified walkers

People thought professionally qualified dog walkers should have more freedom to walk larger packs of dogs.

649 comments



Dog walkers license

People thought a dog walker license should be introduced for qualified professional dog walkers.

638 comments

Other common themes included:

- 514 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 476 expressed the importance of dogs having socialisation with other dogs (and people)
- 442 suggested irresponsible dog owners cause the issues and shouldn't be allowed to ruin it for everyone else
- 374 thought it is too difficult to walk many dogs at once
- 371 discussed the benefits of pack walking for dogs
- 345 suggested we need to regulate dog walkers
- 337 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise.

Of the 755 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 364 thought a dog walker license should be introduced for qualified professional dog walkers
- 257 thought professionally qualified dog walkers should have more freedom to walk larger packs of dogs
- 250 were concerned limited the number of dogs a person can walk will impact the financial viability of some professional dog walkers
- 182 suggested we need to regulate dog walkers.

Of the 923 individuals who **supported** the proposal and provided a comment, the most common themes were:



Difficult to walk many dogs

People thought it is too difficult to walk many dogs at once.

556 comments (60 per cent of all comments from those that supported)



Concern for public safety

People were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety.

432 comments

Other themes included:

- 180 thought we limit the number of dogs allowed off-leash to less than 3 dogs
- 157 thought we limit the number of dogs allowed on-leash to less than 6 dogs
- 120 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 119 thought we need to regulate the dog walking industry
- 108 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 103 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 223 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 74 per cent did not support the proposal and 24 per cent supported the proposal.

Of the 166 Māori individuals that did not support the proposal, 58 per cent preferred no change to the current rules and 32 per cent selected 'other' as their response.

Petition

As part of their organisation submissions, the **Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA)** submitted a petition run through change.org which received **3,456 signatures** between 18 January and 21 February 2025.

PDWA and their members strongly support the introduction of a license for professional dog walkers and a limit of twelve dogs applying to licensed professional dog walkers.

A copy of their submission, the details of the petition and comments left by 145 of the signatories can be found in their attachment (submission #6903).

Question 2 – General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Submitters were given the opportunity to provide feedback on 10 proposed changes.

They were also given an opportunity to provide any other feedback on the proposed policy and bylaw changes.

The feedback provided on these proposals is summarised on the following pages.

| Proposed change | Page |
|--|-------------|
| Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules | 10 |
| Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be neutered | 11 |
| Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications | 13 |
| Clarify what areas in Auckland require a license to keep multiple dogs on a property | 14 |
| Clarify how dog access rules are set | 16 |
| Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules | 18 |
| Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules | 20 |
| Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks) | 21 |
| Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) | 23 |
| Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content | 25 |
| Other feedback on the proposed policy and bylaw | 26 |

2.1 Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules

Single select question | 1,794 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,260 | 7 | 1 |
| Do not support | 296 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 227 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,783 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 454 responses (25% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 251 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 89 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 85 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 82 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 54 thought we need to provide better signage about dog access rules.

Of the 151 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 45 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 43 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 41 thought we should keep the policy/rules as they are now

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- 32 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 32 thought the rules do need to be clarified.

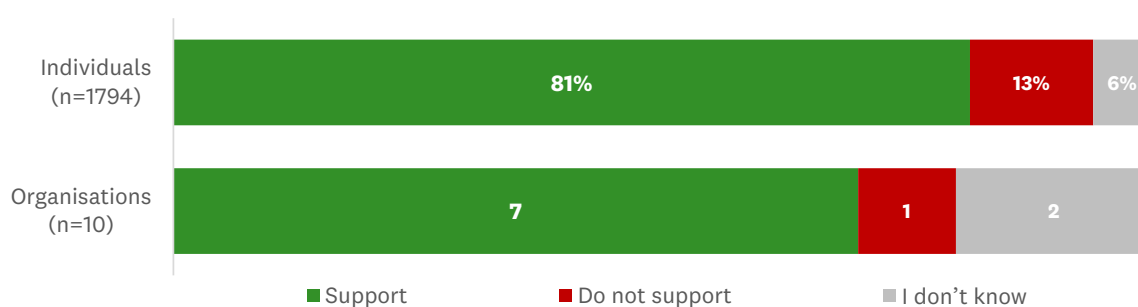
Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 104 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 59 per cent supported the proposal and 16 per cent did not support the proposal, while 13 per cent selected ‘I don’t know’.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.2 Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be neutered

Single select question | 1,805 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 1,461 | 7 |
| Do not support | 226 | 1 |
| I don't know | 107 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 1,794 | 10 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 470 responses (26% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 310 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 115 were concerned about aggressive dogs
- 101 thought dangerous dogs should be neutered
- 68 thought all dogs should be neutered, often to help control the number of stray dogs
- 63 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 52 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety

- 37 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 35 thought professional breeders should be exempt from this proposal
- 35 thought dangerous dog breeds should be banned in New Zealand
- 33 were concerned with the number of stray dogs and the threat they often pose.

Of the 132 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

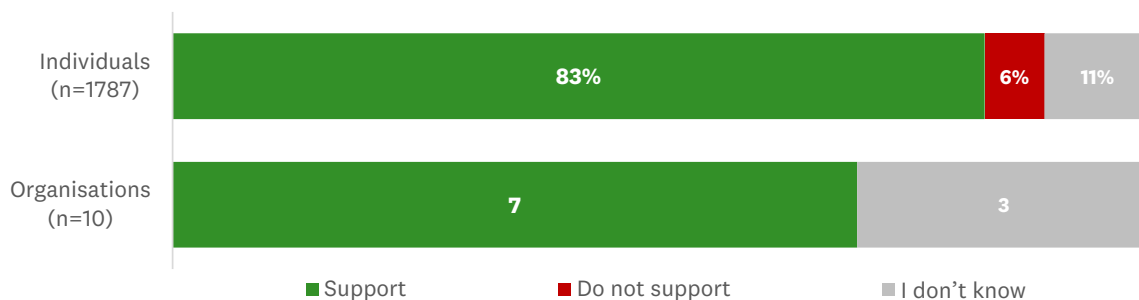
- 48 thought the term "menacing" need to be defined, and sometimes felt it wasn't applied appropriately
- 47 thought dogs should not be considered menacing purely on their breed, but rather each dog should be considered on an individual basis
- 32 thought dangerous dogs should be neutered
- 32 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 29 thought individual circumstances should be taken into account to ensure equitable decisions are made
- 26 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 105 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 70 per cent supported the proposal and 24 per cent did not support the proposal, while seven per cent selected 'I don't know'.

2.3 Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications

Single select question | 1,798 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 1,484 | 7 |
| Do not support | 109 | 0 |
| I don't know | 194 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 1,787 | 10 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 283 responses (16% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 220 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 150 wanted to ensure assessors are qualified professionals
- 28 were concerned about aggressive dogs
- 27 thought dogs should not be considered menacing purely on their breed, but rather each dog should be considered on an individual basis
- 26 thought more than one assessor should be involved to ensure fair decisions are made
- 25 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 21 thought the rules do need to be clarified.

Of the 41 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

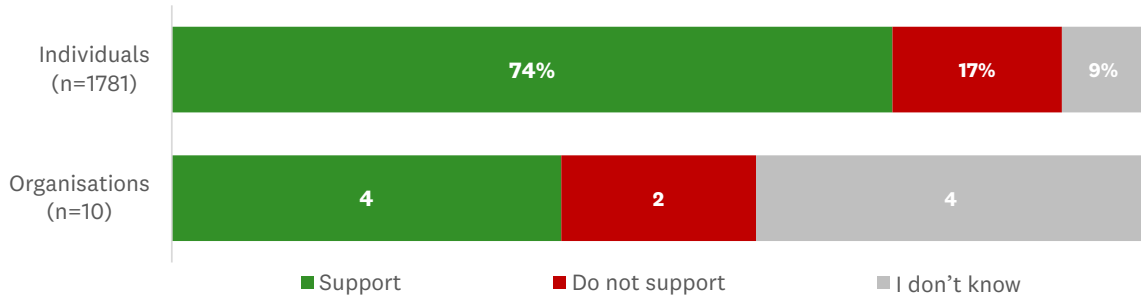
- 15 wanted to ensure assessors are qualified professionals
- 14 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 11 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 10 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 105 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 79 per cent supported the proposal and 10 per cent did not support the proposal, while 10 per cent selected ‘I don’t know’.

2.4 Clarify what areas in Auckland require a license to keep multiple dogs on a property

Single select question | 1,792 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 1,318 | 4 |
| Do not support | 310 | 2 |
| I don't know | 153 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 1,781 | 10 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 377 responses (21% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 210 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 101 thought anyone should be required to obtain a license to own a dog
- 37 thought the number of dogs kept on a property should be limited to ensure they are cared for appropriately
- 35 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 33 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 28 thought rural properties should have an exemption from this proposal
- 27 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce.

Of the 134 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

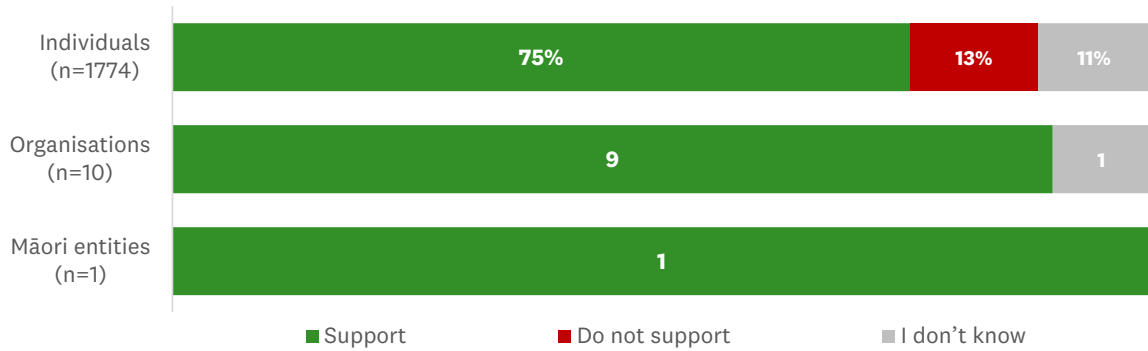
- 56 thought anyone should be required to obtain a license to own a dog
- 37 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 27 thought individual circumstances should be taken into account to ensure equitable decisions are made
- 19 thought the proposal is not fair to dog owners
- 19 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 17 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 16 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 105 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 67 per cent supported the proposal and 23 per cent did not support the proposal, while 10 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

2.5 Clarify how dog access rules are set

Single select question | 1,785 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,338 | 9 | 1 |
| Do not support | 232 | 0 | 0 |
| I don't know | 204 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,774 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 304 responses (17% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 176 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 51 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 48 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 33 discussed issues related to how we communicate and/or engage with the public
- 27 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 22 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 19 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 19 thought dog rules needed to be appropriate to each area
- 19 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety.

Of the 93 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 35 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 27 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority

- 23 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 21 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 17 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 17 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 16 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 14 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 14 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 14 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response.

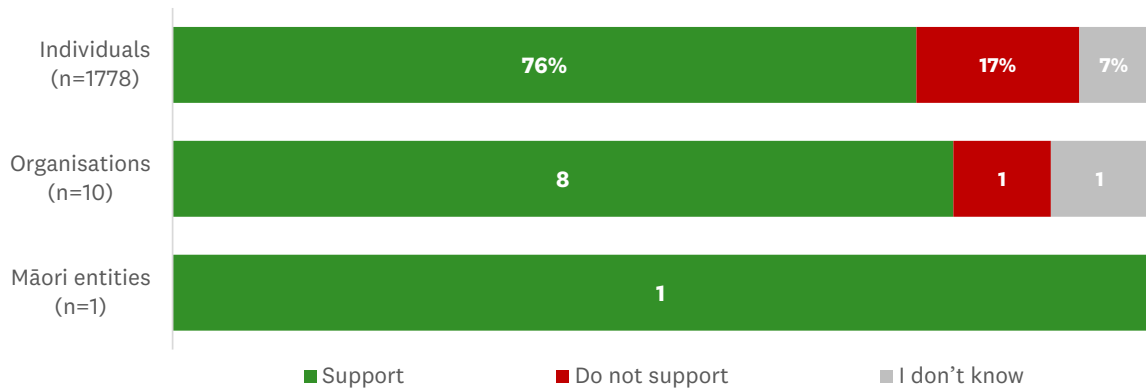
Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 105 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 65 per cent supported the proposal and 19 per cent did not support the proposal, while 16 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.6 Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules

Single select question | 1,789 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,355 | 8 | 1 |
| Do not support | 297 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 126 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,778 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 425 responses (24% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 263 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 91 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 68 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 48 thought we need to provide better signage about dog access rules
- 47 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 39 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 35 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 33 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 32 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 31 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces.

Of the 137 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 40 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 39 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 33 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 32 thought we should keep the policy/rules as they are now
- 30 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 21 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 20 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

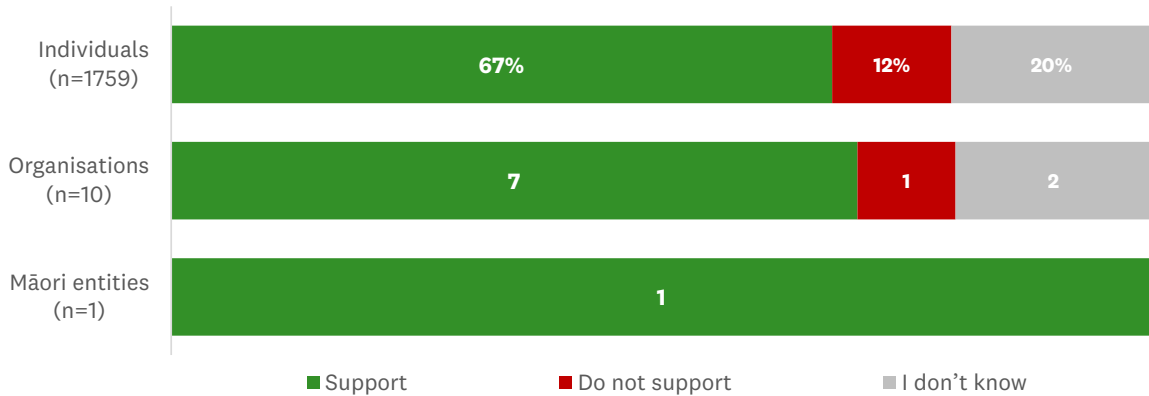
Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 103 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 70 per cent supported the proposal and 24 per cent did not support the proposal, while six per cent selected 'I don't know'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.7 Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules

Single select question | 1,770 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,186 | 7 | 1 |
| Do not support | 214 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 359 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,759 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 162 responses (9% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 76 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 36 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 19 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 8 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 8 discussed issues related to how we communicate and/or engage with the public.

Of the 55 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 20 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 20 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 17 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 12 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

- 11 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 10 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 10 thought we should keep the policy/rules as they are now.

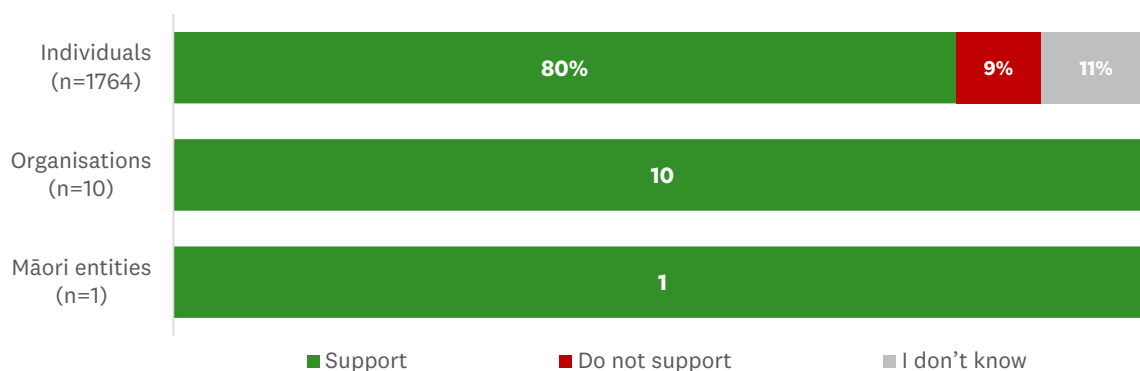
Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 102 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 67 per cent supported the proposal and 18 per cent did not support the proposal, while 16 per cent selected ‘I don’t know’.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.8 Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks)

Single select question | 1,775 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,412 | 10 | 1 |
| Do not support | 152 | 0 | 0 |
| I don't know | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,764 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 113 responses (6% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 67 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 30 thought the rules should be reviewed and updated more regularly
- 17 thought the rules do need to be clarified

- 16 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- Nine thought we need to provide better signage about dog access rules
- Eight thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce.

Of the 34 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 16 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 15 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- Seven thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- Seven did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems.

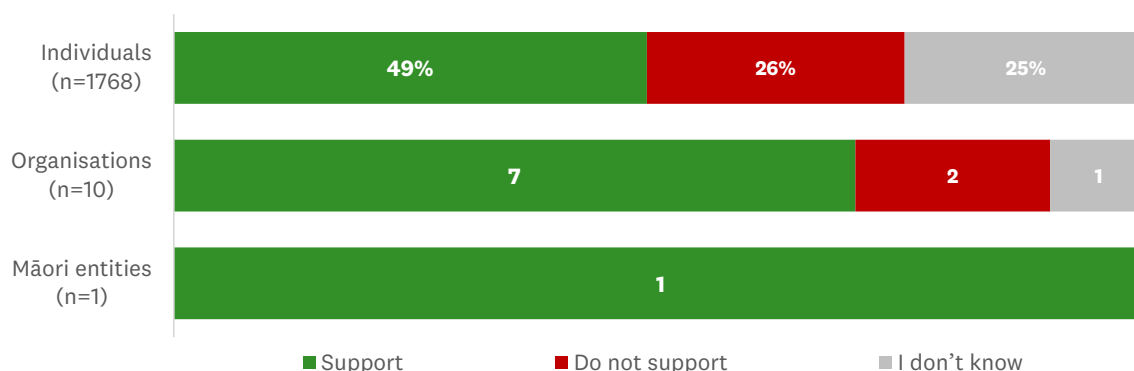
Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 103 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 73 per cent supported the proposal and 11 per cent did not support the proposal, while 17 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.9 Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)

Single select question | 1,779 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 859 | 7 | 1 |
| Do not support | 468 | 2 | 0 |
| I don't know | 441 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,768 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 321 responses (18% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 119 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 47 thought everyone should be allowed access to our maunga
- 28 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 24 thought dogs should be allowed to access our maunga with their families
- 21 thought dogs should be banned from accessing our maunga
- 15 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce.

Of the 138 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 65 thought everyone should be allowed access to our maunga
- 58 thought dogs should be allowed to access our maunga with their families
- 31 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 28 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 22 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs

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- 17 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 15 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 103 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 47 per cent supported the proposal and 28 per cent did not support the proposal, while 25 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.10 Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content

Single select question | 1,773 responses (25% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 1,426 | 9 | 1 |
| Do not support | 127 | 0 | 0 |
| I don't know | 209 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,762 | 10 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 92 responses (5% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 43 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 21 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- Eight expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- Seven thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response.

Of the 27 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 14 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 14 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 14 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 10 thought the rules do need to be clarified.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 103 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 75 per cent supported the proposal and nine per cent did not support the proposal, while 17 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

2.11 Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Open text question | 814 responses (11% of all submitters)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 809 individuals that provided comments, the most common themes were:

- 259 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce
- 213 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 212 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 198 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 121 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 115 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 110 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 99 thought the rules do need to be clarified
- 96 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 89 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 87 thought they needed more information to understand the rules and/or provide an informed response
- 82 expressed cost concerns, whether relating to the price of implementing these policies, dog registrations, or a perception of council wasting money.

Question 3 – Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Below is a list of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules.

Submitters were given the opportunity to provide feedback on 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules.

They were also given an opportunity to provide any other feedback regarding dog access at regional parks.

The feedback provided on these proposals is summarised on the following pages.

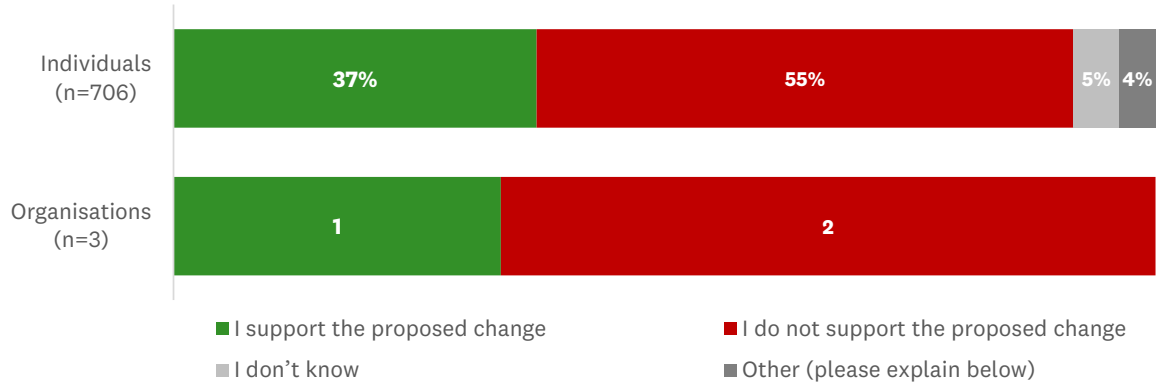
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3.1 Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 709 responses (10% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 261 | 1 |
| Do not support | 386 | 2 |
| I don't know | 50 | 0 |
| Other | 26 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2,950 | 3 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 390 responses (55% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 386 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 82 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 73 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 72 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 44 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 41 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 39 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 35 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners

- 33 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 33 thought we should keep the rules as they are now.

Of the 261 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 34 thought the rules need to be clarified
- 30 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 30 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 15 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 13 thought we need to do a better job enforcing dog rules or discussed how difficult these rules are to enforce.

Feedback from Māori individuals

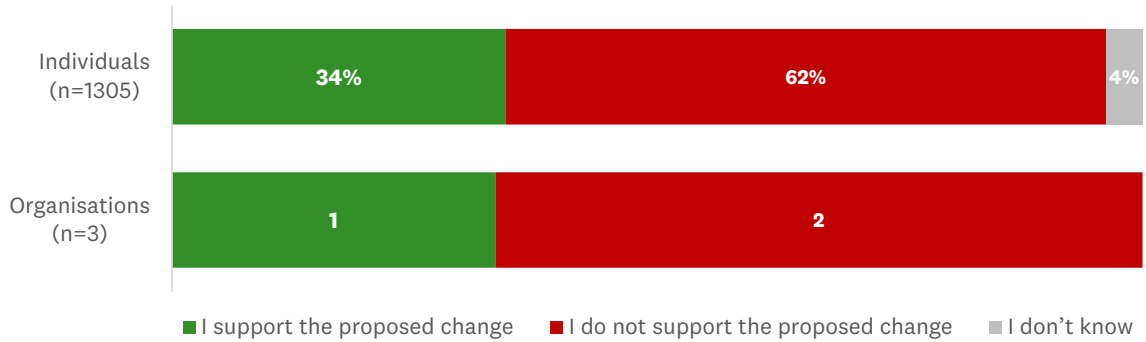
Of the 52 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 60 per cent did not support the proposal and 37 per cent supported the proposal, while four per cent selected 'I don't know'.

3.2 Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

What do you think of this proposed change?

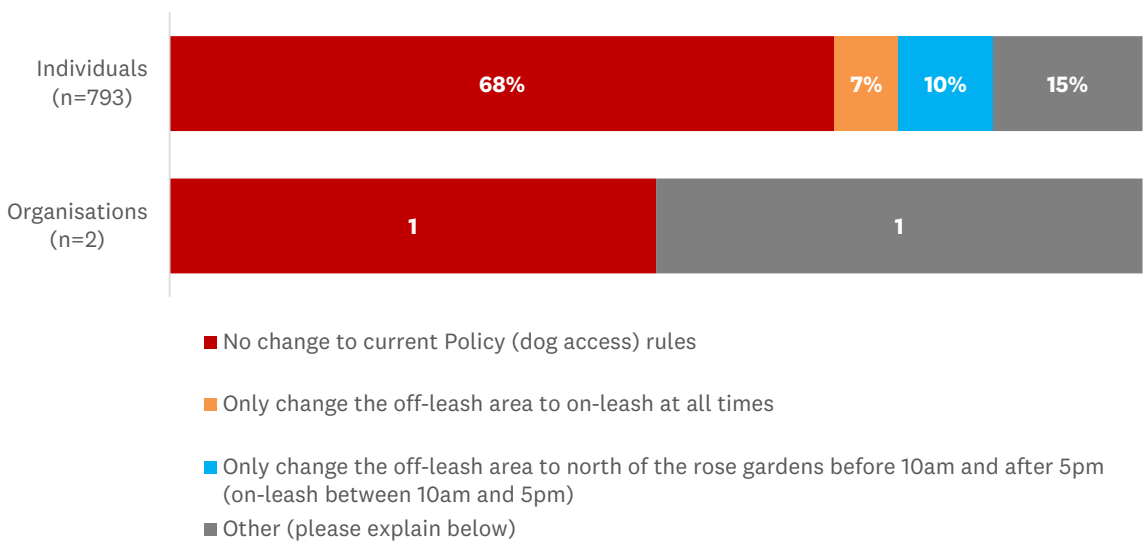
Single select question | 1,308 responses (18% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Support | 449 | 1 |
| Do not support | 807 | 2 |
| I don't know | 49 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,305 | 3 |

If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Single select question | 795 responses of the 809 that selected 'do not support'



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| No change to current rules (no limit) | 542 | 1 |
| Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times | 52 | 0 |
| Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm) | 77 | 0 |
| Other | 122 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 793 | 2 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 700 responses (54% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 523 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 195 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 175 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 126 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 117 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 113 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 112 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 110 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 94 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 65 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 64 expressed the importance of dogs having socialisation with other dogs (and people)
- 63 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners.

Of the 121 individuals who **did not support** the proposal and selected **other** in the follow up question, almost all provided comments. The most common themes from those comments were:

- 40 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 36 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 29 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 29 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 155 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

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- 38 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 29 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 23 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners
- 23 thought the rules need to be clarified.

Feedback from Māori individuals

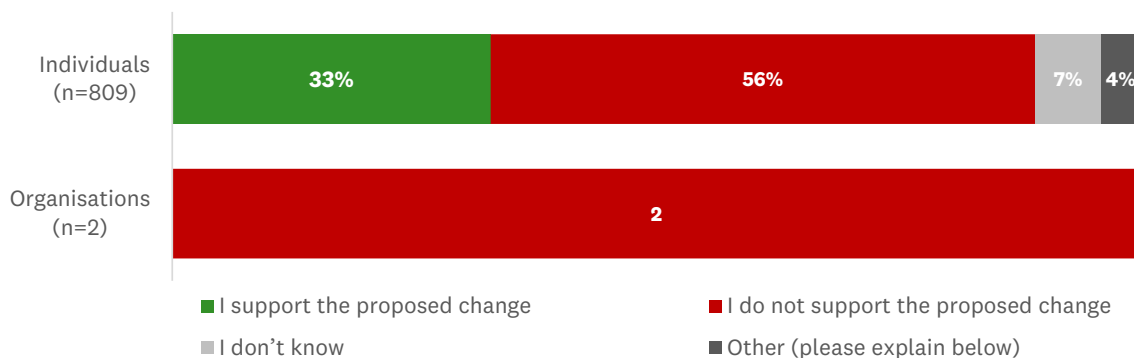
Of the 74 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 61 per cent did not support the proposal and 35 per cent supported the proposal, while four per cent selected 'I don't know'.

3.3 Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 811 responses (11% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Support | 226 | 0 |
| Do not support | 455 | 2 |
| I don't know | 55 | 0 |
| Other | 33 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 809 | 2 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 400 responses (49% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 271 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 100 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 64 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 62 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 55 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 47 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 43 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 37 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise.

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Of the 78 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 23 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 14 thought dogs should be banned from the area.

Feedback from Māori individuals

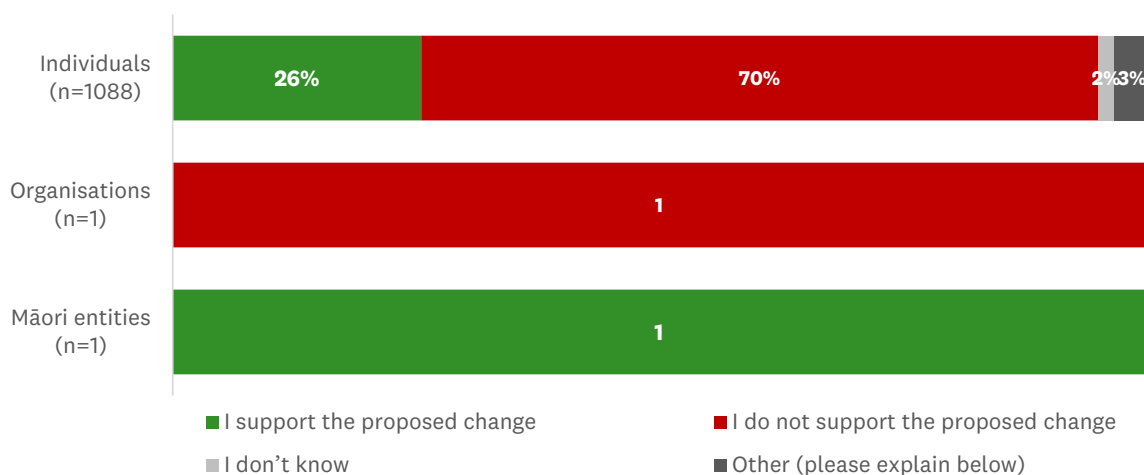
Of the 55 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 53 per cent did not support the proposal and 36 per cent supported the proposal, while 11 per cent selected 'I don't know'.

3.4 Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 1,090 responses (15% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entity |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Support | 278 | 0 | 1 |
| Do not support | 757 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,088 | 1 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 688 responses (63% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 514 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 174 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 122 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 117 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 111 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 110 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

- 95 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 85 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 84 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 82 thought the area should be made an on-leash area.

Of the 134 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 49 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 29 thought dogs are a nuisance to other park users.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 61 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 72 per cent did not support the proposal and 21 per cent supported the proposal, while five per cent selected 'I don't know' and two per cent selected 'other'.

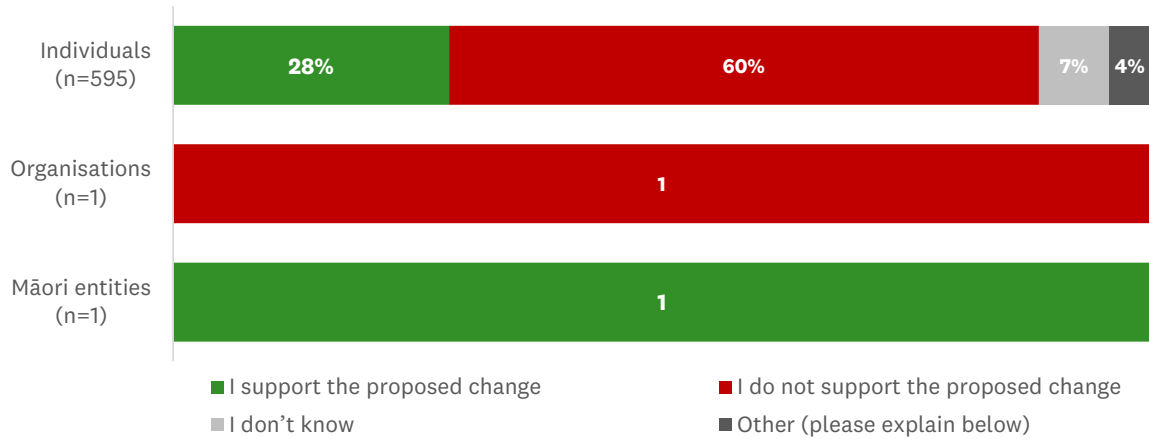
In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

3.5 Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Cudlip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

A. What do you think of the proposed change to Mahurangi Regional Park West?

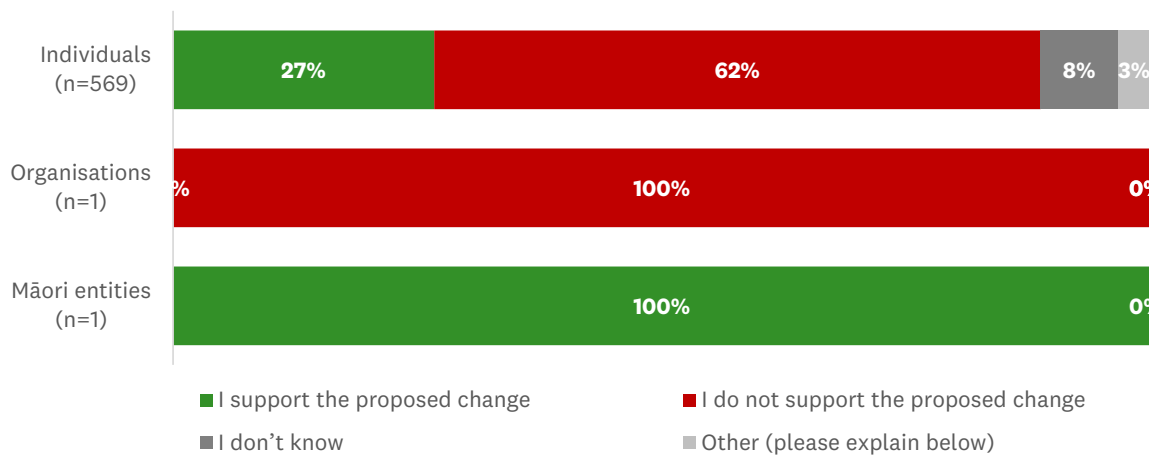
Single select question | 597 responses (8% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entity |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Support | 168 | 0 | 1 |
| Do not support | 359 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 43 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 595 | 1 | 1 |

B. What do you think of the proposed change to Mahurangi Regional Park East?

Single select question | 571 responses (8% of all submitters)

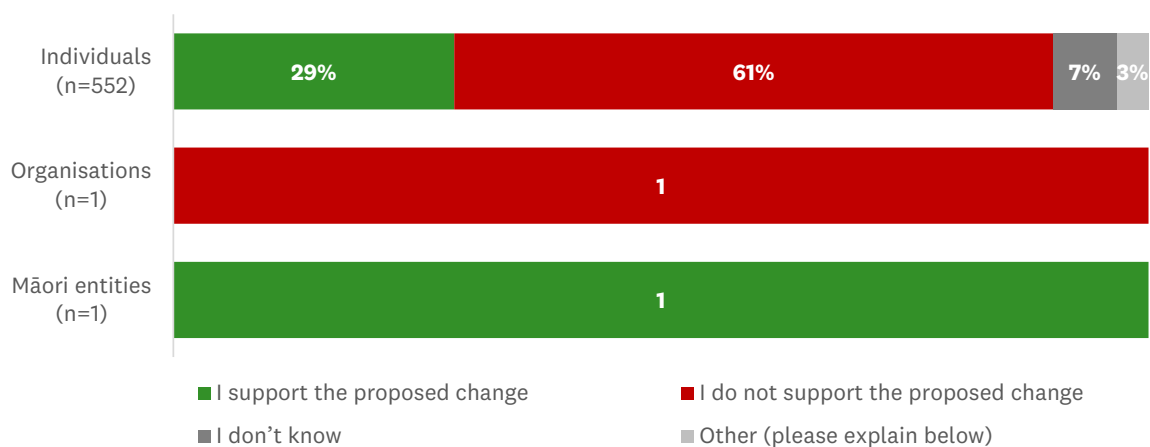


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| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entity |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Support | 152 | 0 | 1 |
| Do not support | 353 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 569 | 1 | 1 |

C. What do you think of the proposed change to Mahurangi Regional Park Scott Point?

Single select question | 554 responses (8% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entity |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Support | 159 | 0 | 1 |
| Do not support | 339 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 552 | 1 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 187 responses (31% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 133 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 68 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 48 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 48 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners

- 35 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 29 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 28 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 26 thought it is only the irresponsible dog owners that cause issues, and those owners should be targeted rather than restricting responsible dog owners.

Of the 36 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common theme was:

- 11 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 43 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, their responses to the three parts of the Mahurangi Regional Park proposal were:

- A. Mauhrangi Regional Park West - 63 per cent did not support the proposal and 26 per cent supported the proposal, while nine per cent selected 'I don't know' and two per cent selected 'other'
- B. Mauhrangi Regional Park East - 60 per cent did not support the proposal and 25 per cent supported the proposal, while 13 per cent selected 'I don't know' and three per cent selected 'other'
- C. Mauhrangi Regional Park Scott Point - 62 per cent did not support the proposal and 26 per cent supported the proposal, while 10 per cent selected 'I don't know' and three per cent selected 'other'

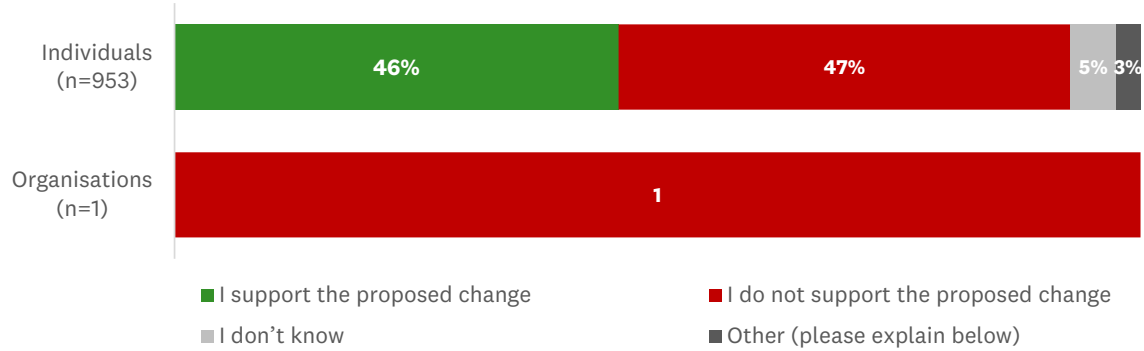
In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of all parts to this proposal.

3.6 Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 954 responses (13% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Support | 438 | 0 |
| Do not support | 446 | 1 |
| I don't know | 45 | 0 |
| Other | 24 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 953 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 395 responses (41% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 241 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 71 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 51 thought we should keep the rules as they are now
- 48 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 43 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 43 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 41 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 41 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 35 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems.

Of the 119 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 32 thought the rules need to be clarified
- 24 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife.

Feedback from Māori individuals

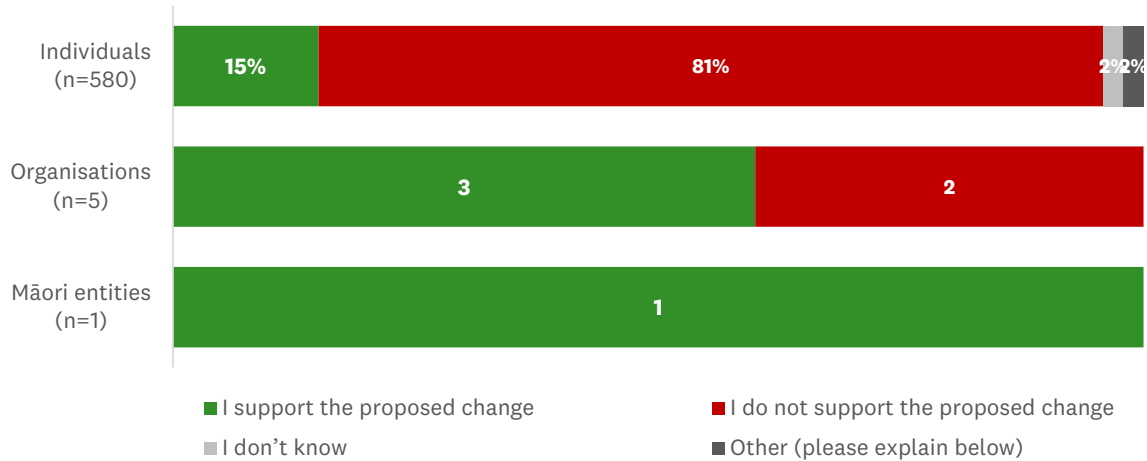
Of the 58 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 55 per cent did not support the proposal and 40 per cent supported the proposal, while five per cent selected 'I don't know'.

3.7 Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 586 responses (8% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entity |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Support | 87 | 3 | 1 |
| Do not support | 469 | 2 | 0 |
| I don't know | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 580 | 5 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 335 responses (57xx% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 285 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 102 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 86 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 71 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 71 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 69 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 63 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

- 60 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 37 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 12 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 12 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 11 thought dogs should be banned from the area.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 48 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 81 per cent did not support the proposal and 17 per cent supported the proposal, while two per cent selected 'I don't know'.

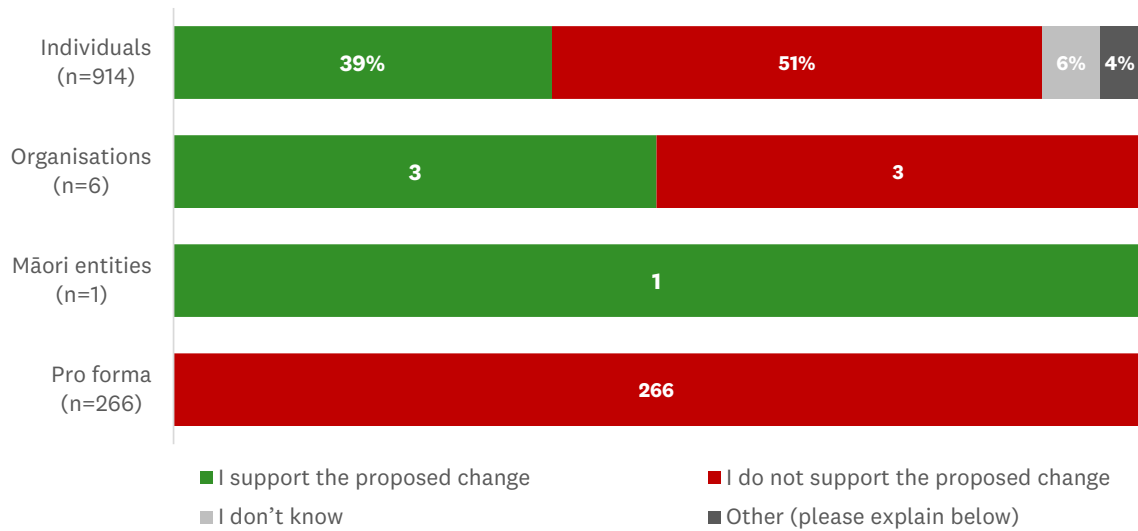
In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

3.8 Shakepear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 1,187 responses (17% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities | Pro forma |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Support | 358 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Do not support | 464 | 3 | 0 | 266 |
| I don't know | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 914 | 6 | 1 | 266 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 399 responses (34% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 258 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 67 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 65 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs
- 61 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 55 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away

- 50 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise
- 47 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 44 thought the rules need to be clarified
- 41 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces.

Of the 90 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 27 thought the rules need to be clarified
- 19 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 17 thought dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in public
- 17 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 54 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 30 per cent supported the proposal and 61 per cent did not support the proposal, while seven per cent selected 'I don't know' and two per cent selected 'other'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

266 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign initiated by **Dog Friends Auckland**.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on ARMY BAY beach and foreshore areas east of the boat ramp that DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the time and season rule for the rest of ARMY BAY.

Reason: The cliffs to the east of the boat ramp provide a natural access barrier to the Sanctuary beyond the perimeter fencing. There is no need to ban dogs from this area to keep them out of the sanctuary area.

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on OKOROMAI BAY beach east of the TREELINE EMBANKMENT DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the time and season rule for the rest of Okoromai Bay.

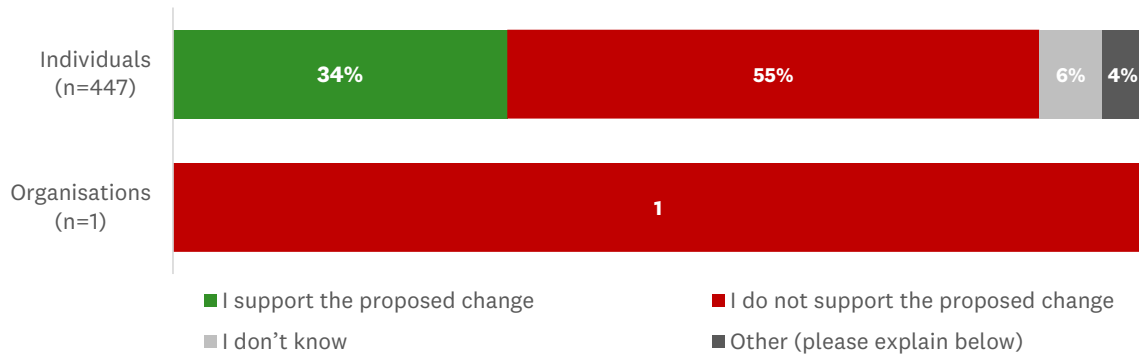
Reason: The proposal isn't fixing a known issue, but a 'possible' risk of dogs straying into the open Sanctuary.

3.9 Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 448 responses (6% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Support | 154 | 0 |
| Do not support | 245 | 1 |
| I don't know | 29 | 0 |
| Other | 19 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 447 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 182 responses (41% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 124 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 35 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 29 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 27 did not think the proposal would be effective, or it would only exacerbate the problems
- 25 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 23 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 23 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 21 thought we should keep the rules as they are now.

Of the 31 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- six thought the rules need to be clarified
- six were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety.

Feedback from Māori individuals

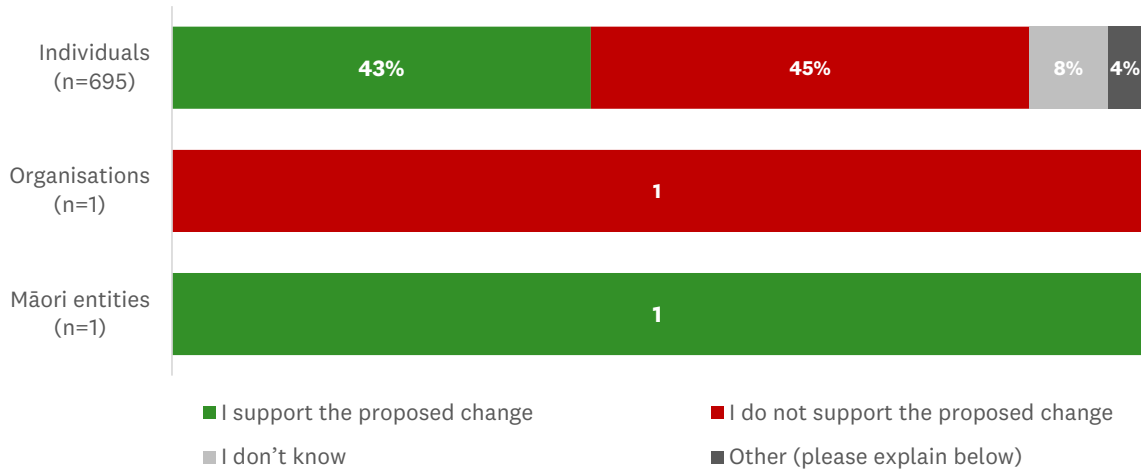
Of the 42 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 50 per cent did not support the proposal and 29 per cent supported the proposal, while 14 per cent selected 'I don't know' and seven per cent selected 'other'.

3.10 Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 697 responses (10% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support | 300 | 0 | 1 |
| Do not support | 314 | 1 | 0 |
| I don't know | 56 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 695 | 1 | 1 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 291 responses (47% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 163 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 55 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 49 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 44 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 28 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 27 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 23 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 97 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 26 thought dogs should be banned from the area
- 23 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife
- 15 thought the rules need to be clarified.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 53 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 47 per cent did not support the proposal and 43 per cent supported the proposal, while six per cent selected 'I don't know' and four per cent selected 'other'.

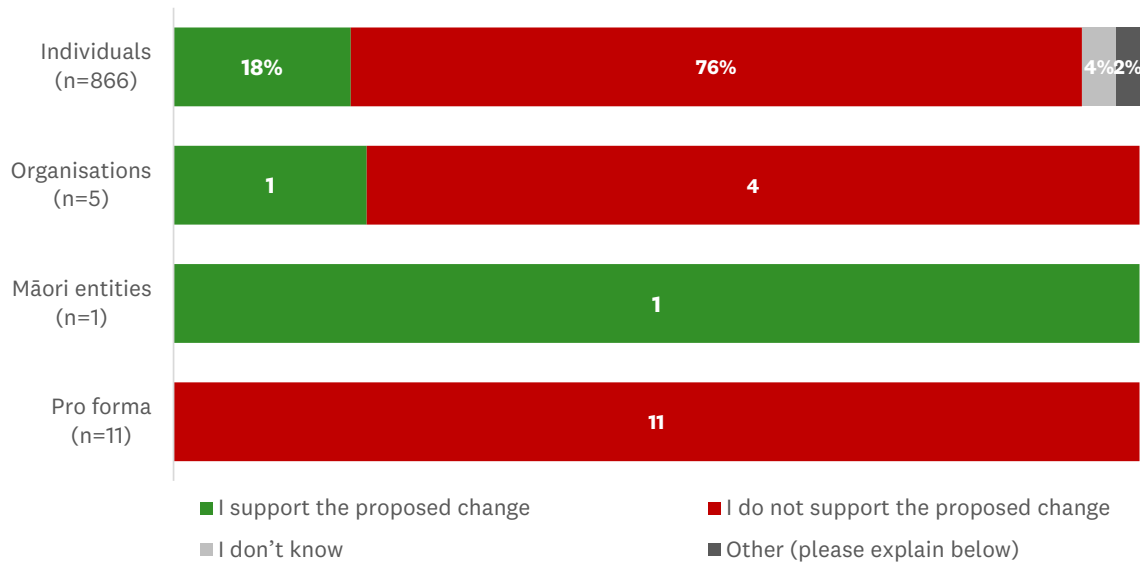
In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

3.11 Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 883 responses (12% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations | Māori entities | Pro forma |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Support | 160 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Do not support | 654 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| I don't know | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 866 | 5 | 1 | 11 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 549 responses (62% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 484 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 269 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 202 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 181 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 168 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise

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- 168 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 157 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 156 thought we need to provide a balance between general public and dog needs.

Of the 46 individuals who **supported** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 12 thought the rules need to be clarified
- 11 were concerned with the threat dogs pose to public safety
- 10 were concerned with how dogs can disrupt wildlife.

Feedback from Māori individuals

Of the 65 individuals that identified themselves as of Māori ethnicity, 80 per cent did not support the proposal and 15 per cent supported the proposal, while three per cent selected 'I don't know' and two per cent selected 'other'.

In addition, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust submitted in support of the proposal.

Pro forma campaign

11 submissions were received via a pro forma campaign.

These submissions all used the following template as their response:

I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: That dogs have OFF LEASH AT ALL TIMES access to/from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and its associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above.

REASON: Along the 24.5 km coastline from Goat Island to Te Arai Point council are proposing to remove all dog access. As part of this review Pakiri Beach, adjacent to the regional park, is also being proposed to move to PROHIBITED from the current OFF LEASH).

I believe that retaining dog access to Forestry Beach would be the best location and option for dog access along this coastline. It would future proof the growing needs from the local population of dog owners and for visitors with dogs. It would give dog owners somewhere they are allowed rather than ignoring the rules. The proposed area for dog access that council have put forward is miniscule and not suitable to be called a dog exercise area for now, let alone for future growth.

Forestry Beach would be the best location to retain dog access along this coastline as it has the Te Arai Links golf course and a 60 home subdivision alongside it. Helicopters are ferrying golfers to and from this course, often over the beach, which is open to the public and not club members only (as Tara Iti is).

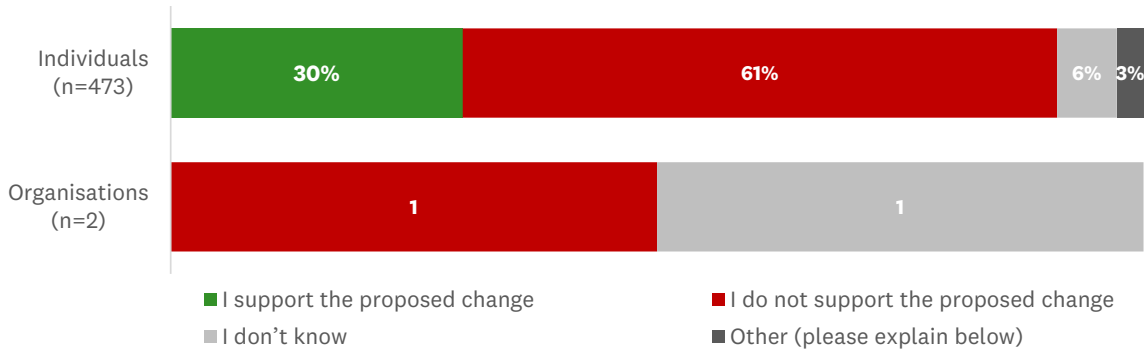
Forestry Beach is only 25 mins drive from the Wayby Valley Road turnoff from SH1. With the planned extension of the Northern Motorway to go to Wellsford it will make Forestry Beach a more popular option for day trippers.

3.12 Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Matakaitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Single select question | 475 responses (7% of all submitters)



| Response | Individuals | Organisations |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Support | 142 | 0 |
| Do not support | 289 | 1 |
| I don't know | 29 | 1 |
| Other | 13 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 473 | 2 |

Tell us why

Open text question | 210 responses (44% of all responses to this question)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 155 individuals who **did not support** and provided a comment, the most common themes were:

- 59 thought our proposals are too restrictive and/or too people-friendly
- 45 wanted council to provide more off-leash areas and/or were concerned with the lack of off-leash areas and do not want to see any off-leash areas taken away
- 34 discussed general issues related to responsible dog ownership, for example dogs that are well trained and controlled by their owners
- 29 wanted council to provide more dog-friendly spaces
- 29 expressed a general dissatisfaction with council or a belief that council is overstepping their authority
- 24 expressed the importance of dogs having off-leash exercise.

